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## TAFT SAYS ROOSEVELT IS NOT FIT TO BE TRUSTED WITH PRESIDENCY HAS SO LITTLE REGARD FOR CONSTITUTION FOR LEGAL PROCEDURE OR FOR COURTS

He Frankly Admits Roosevelt Made Him President in 1908, But Has Evidently Ceased "to Worship His Creator"---Imagines He Sees Danger of Dictatorship and Shows His Unbelief in Progressive Policies, at Least as Applied to Lack of Veneration for the Courts---Indulges in a Description of the Political Boss.

Springfield, Mass., April 25.—Bitter denunciation of former President Theodore Roosevelt by the man whom he put into the white house today featured President Taft's first appearance in the present campaign as a fighting man, and he brought forth hearty cheers from a big audience, who fanned him in that role.

President Taft declared flatly that he believed Roosevelt if again elected would be almost impossible to dislodge from the white house, and that another term for the "rough rider" might result in a lifetime dictatorship.

Answering Roosevelt's charges Taft recited the former president's third term statement in 1904 and again in 1905. He gave Roosevelt full credit for electing him in 1908 and then said:

"Neither in thought, word nor act have I ever been disloyal to the friendship I had for Theodore Roosevelt."

President Taft went at length into Roosevelt's announcement of his candidacy and his "charter of democracy," delivered at Columbus. He continued:

**Answers the Charges.**  
"His 'charter of democracy' was ineffective, and so he attacked the administration and myself. Ever since then he has been abusing the administration and accusing me. So far as my personal feelings are concerned, I would not have replied, but I represent the cause of that element of the Republican party which believes in the sacredness of the constitution. Mr. Roosevelt has misled many honest people to believe his charges. The cause which I represent is entitled to defense."

President Taft then went on to answer Roosevelt's charges.  
"He says," declared the president, "that I favor the oligarchy of

bosses, or represent the special interests, and that my administration has produced nothing progressive, that I am a reactionary—and other charges too numerous to mention."

Seeing the president for the first time as a fighting man, the crowd cheered him throughout his speech of an hour and a half, which practically anticipated the address he is to deliver in Boston tonight.

**Roosevelt Is Dangerous.**  
"The re-nomination and re-election of Roosevelt to a third term," said President Taft, "would be dangerous. He has forgotten the standards of the square deal. He says the bosses are supporting me. His definition of a boss depends upon whom the boss is supporting. If he is supporting me, he is a boss."

With his voice trembling with emotion, the president concluded with a warning to his hearers that in Roosevelt they are in "danger of a dictator who, once he received the third term, would cling like a leech to the white house and never leave it until death removed him."

The president added:  
"I am sorry to say it, but Roosevelt is a man of such strong personality, a man of such strength of purpose, and who has so little regard for the constitution, for legal procedure or for the courts, that he is not to be trusted with the presidency. I am sorry to say it, but I believe it in my soul, and I must state my convictions."

**Schmitz Case Postponed.**  
San Francisco, April 25.—Continuance for one week was again ordered by Superior Judge Lawlor today in the case of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz which was to have come up today. Motions for dismissal of the indictments against Schmitz are pending.

## Cuts His Campaign.

Los Angeles, April 25.—Senator LaFollette will not speak in San Diego May 2, nor will he tour the citrus belt of Southern California, included in his original itinerary, according to an announcement made at LaFollette headquarters here today. Messages from Walter Houser, LaFollette's campaign manager, state that it will be necessary for the senator to return to San Francisco next Tuesday evening, and greater part of the Southern California tour must be abandoned.

## WILL FIGHT TURKS FROM AIR SHIPS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Rome, April 25.—With the entire country enthused over the success of military aeroplanes and dirigibles in the war in Tripoli, a national popular subscription has been opened to present to the nation an entire aerial navy.

Although a similar movement is under way in France, where 2,500,000 francs already has been subscribed, the movement in Italy is being organized on a basis that, it is believed, will greatly exceed that of France. The movement has been formally endorsed by King Victor Emmanuel, Premier Giolitti and Minister of War Spingardi. Committees are being organized in every city in Italy, as well as in every Italian colony throughout the world. Lectures will likewise be held in every city and literature distributed over the entire country.

Although the movement is hardly a week old, more than 1,000,000 lire, either in cash or in aeroplanes has been pledged.

## BIG STEAMER AGROUND AT MISSISSIPPI MOUTH

New Orleans, April 25.—The Southern Pacific steamer Creole, with 295 persons aboard, is reported aground near the mouth of the Mississippi. Tugs have rushed to her assistance.

## Prepares for War.

Geneva, April 25.—Anticipating the possibility of an outbreak of war in Europe, the Swiss National bank has just finished printing \$6,000,000 worth of 20 franc "war notes." This action was taken in accordance with a federal law which permits such emergency circulation, "in extraordinary circumstances," and upon the reports of one of the bank's directors, who recently made a careful investigation of the conditions among the powers. The notes are stored in the cellars of the bank's headquarters at Zurich, and will not be issued unless war is declared.

## STEEVES BUILDING IS BURNED

Upper Story Used for Lodge Rooms is Practically Destroyed in Fierce Early Morning Blaze.

LOSS IS PROBABLY \$25,000

Fire Only Discovered When the Sky-light Blew Out and Blaze Leaped Hundred Feet in the Air—Origin of Fire Unknown—Roth Grocery Company Heavily Damaged by Water, and Many Lodges Suffer Loss.

About 1:30 this morning fire broke out in the Steeves building, at the corner of Liberty and State streets, doing damage to the amount of from \$20,000 to \$25,000. It originated in a room in the center of the top floor which is used for a woodshed. The upper floor of the building is used for lodge rooms, and is in use every night of the week. Last night the Maccabees held a session of the lodge, which was followed by a luncheon and sociable. They did not close the evening's entertainment until late, and one theory, and a theory only, is that a match was thrown among some of the inflammable matter and ignited, or it is possible that some of the workmen who have been at work for the past several months on the remodeling of the building might have misplaced some of the wiring, and thus the fire might have been caused by an electric wire. It is quite evident that the fire had been under way for about half an hour before it was discovered, as great damage had been done before the alarm was sounded. The first that was known of the fire was when an explosion took place which sent the flames high into the air. This explosion was caused by the intense heat and smoke that had accumulated under the roof and the skylight to the air shaft in the central part of the building. As soon as the heat and pressure became strong enough it burst forth from the top and sent the flames high into the air. This gave the alarm to all in that part of the city, and the department was soon on the scene. Both departments responded, the East Salem department taking a stand at High and State and department No. 1 assuming a position at Liberty and State. Several streams of water were soon playing on the flames, but it proved to be a pretty hard fire to fight, by reason of the fact that it was in the attic, and in the hallways, where it was very difficult to reach. The firemen did splendid work, however, and by 3 o'clock had it completely under control. Almost the entire third story of the building is destroyed, as well as the roof and attic, while a great deal of damage is done to the ceiling of the second floor. Water damaged all parts of the building, and it is difficult to estimate the total damage done at this time. The stock of the Roth Grocery company, grocers, which is next door on the east, was greatly damaged. Most of the damage to the grocery company is from water, although some damage was done by

## OPERATORS WITHHELD THE NEWS IN ORDER TO COIN IT INTO DOLLARS

## A Civic Experiment.

Long Beach, Cal., April 25.—Managerial form of municipal government as practiced in Germany is being considered today by a committee named to recommend a governmental framework for Long Beach. The committee will decide between the managerial and commission plans. If the former is decided upon, which appears likely, Long Beach will be the pioneer American city to bid for the services as mayor and municipal department heads of men whose ability has been proved in other cities or in business fields.

## WILL FILE THE RECALL PETITIONS

Reversing his opinion upon previous occasions on the subject as to whether the recall amendment was self-executing, Attorney-General Crawford today handed down an opinion that it was, and recall petitions presented to the secretary of state some time ago, asking for the recall of District Attorney Cameron, of Multnomah county will be filed. The attorney-general, on previous occasions, held the amendment was not self-executing, on the ground that he believed a clause providing for the campaign expenses of the officer indicated that further legislation was necessary. The circuit court of Multnomah county held the contrary, however, lately, and relying on that decision the attorney-general reversed his former opinions.

## WOULD SHIP LEADERS IN TONG WARS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, April 25.—Deportation as undesirable citizens of all Chinese who refuse to testify when arrested for complicity in tong wars is planned today by the San Francisco district attorney's office which may ask the federal immigration authorities to co-operate with them toward that end. At present the police are holding the leaders of the Sin Sney Yings, Bing Kongs, Hip Sings and Sney Sings, all gunfighters, who have refused to testify. They will be brought before either the grand jury or the immigration authorities in the near future.

## TO ESTABLISH A SHORE LINE AT PORTLAND

At a meeting called in Portland a short time ago, by the governor, in response to a request from the United Improvement Club Association, for the purpose of investigating the rights of the public in the shore line of the Portland harbor, it was ordered that a committee of five, one of whom should be the governor, be named to thoroughly investigate the matter and recommend such action as their findings should warrant. The governor named Mayor Rushlight, F. W. Mulkey, of the Public Docks Commission; Drake C. O'Reilly, of the Port of Portland Commission, and Dan Kellher of the United Improvement Clubs Association.

## USED WIRELESS TO PERFECT PLANS WHILE REFUSING TO FORWARD OTHER MESSAGES

Messages Intercepted Tell the Story of the Cold Blooded Proposition to Make Money Out of the Disaster---Operator Harold Bride Got \$500 for His Story---One Wireless Signed "Marconi" Was Sent the Carpathia Operator Tell Him to Keep His Mouth Shut, and Another That Arrangements Had Been Made to Sell Story at Four Figures.

Washington, April 25.—Marconi on the stand this morning said that every liner should have two wireless operators. He said he understood the difficulty of the Carpathia's operator in sending messages was on account of the interference of amateurs. Marconi said that Harold Bride, the Titanic's surviving wireless man, received \$500 for his story of the disaster, and that Operator Cottam also received a fancy figure for his tale. Marconi denied that he had wired Bride and Cottam to "keep their mouths shut," and to suppress the news until it could be "coined into dollars at four figures." He said Cottam telephoned him on Thursday evening, after the Carpathia arrived in New York, asking permission to give the story of the disaster. Permission was given. Marconi continued:

"It is an offense under British law for a wireless operator to give out news. Cottam used his discretion in refusing to give the story while he was aboard the Carpathia. In New York, at 2 o'clock, Friday morning, Cottam told me he could get something for his story. I told him to give it if he wished."

**Cold Blooded Proposition.**  
Senator Smith then read the following wireless sent by Captain of the U. S. S. Florida to the navy department:

"The following radiograms were intercepted by Wireless Operator Simpson, and appear to me to be significant enough to be brought to the department's attention:

"Seagate to Carpathia, 8:10 p. m., April 18.—Say, old man, Marconi company taking good care of you. It is fixed for you so you'll get big money. Now please do your best to clear."

"Seagate to Carpathia and Titanic operators, 8:30 p. m., April 18.—Arranged for your exclusive story for dollars in four figures. Marconi agreeing. Say nothing until you see me.—J. M. Sammla, operator C."

"Seagate to Carpathia operator, 9 p. m., April 18.—Go to Strand Hotel to meet Mr. Marconi—C."

"Seagate to Carpathia operator, 9:30 p. m.—Meet Mr. Marconi and Sammla at Strand. Keep mouth shut. Marconi!"

**Marconi Denies Them.**  
Marconi said of these messages: "I know nothing about them. I told Sammla, as an official of the British company, I would not prevent the operators making what they could out of the information they had. It is not the custom of the company, but it was done in the case of the Republic wreck. Jack Binns was permitted to give his statement for pay. You are assuming that I attempted to obstruct messages. I did not. I heard of the president's attempt to reach the Carpathia. I asked Cottam, and he stated that the Chester had asked for a list of the survivors, and he told the Chester that the list had already been sent to the shore station. Cottam declared he received no presidential query."

Marconi said that, in his opinion, the press privilege accorded Binns did not affect the Carpathia operators' failure to give the public information of the Titanic. He added:

**Told Operator to Get Money.**  
"When I told the operator to take something for his story, I meant that the newspapers would be so interested in what he had to say, in view of the fact that Bride had behaved bravely and brilliantly that he could expect to be paid."

Marconi declared he did not expect the operators to sell their stories to the highest bidder, and he did not believe that any Marconi official had received money.

"Bride was the second operator of the Titanic. He was not compelled by any law or regulation to withhold anything regarding his experiences. He had as much right to tell his story as any survivor."

"I did not see Cottam that night. I deny that I authorized him to give out anything which he should have withheld."

"This 'four figures' message was transmitted when the Carpathia was entering the harbor. I did not authorize it. I did not like it, and I did not approve of it."

"I believe it would have been better if the operator had sent out a story soon after the collision to the Marconi company for publication."

Marconi admitted that it would have been better to have compensated Bride in some other way for his bravery than by allowing him to sell his story to a single newspaper.

## GAVE OUT PRIVATE LETTERS

SENATOR BRISTOW BITTER AT WICKERSHAM — SAYS HIS ACTION IN PUBLISHING LETTERS WAS A CONTEMPTIBLE ACT—TAFT MEN JUBILANT.

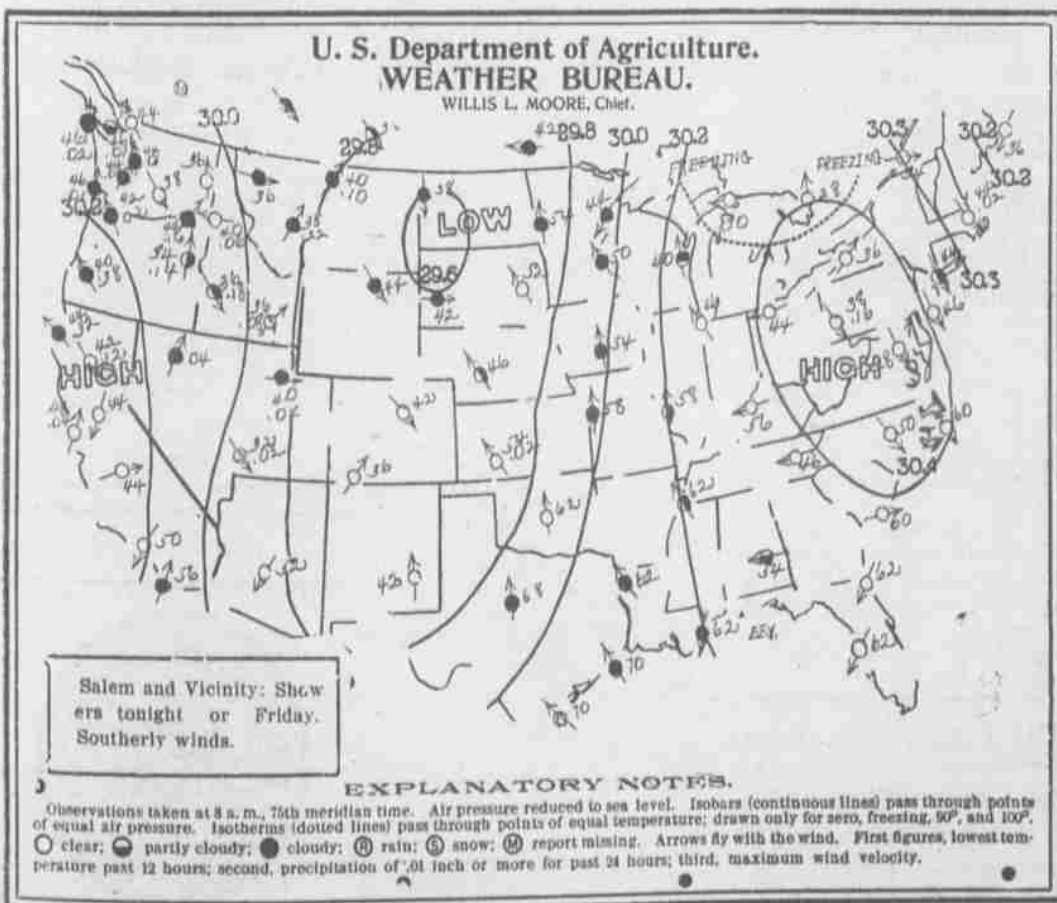
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Washington, April 25.—Both condemnation and approval are expressed here today over the reading in the senate yesterday of confidential correspondence which passed between Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations; Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States and Charles J. Bonaparte, former attorney-general, regarding the government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester company.

Adherents of President Taft are jubilant, declaring that the department of justice manifested no undue haste in sending the letters to the senate, while the Roosevelt supporters are admittedly angry; asserting that it was nothing but a political move, and one intended to injure Roosevelt's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

Attorney General Wickersham and other officials of the department of justice said today they had nothing to add to the publication of the letters, and Commissioner Smith refused to discuss the matter.

**Bristow Is Sore.**  
Senator Joseph W. Bristow, of Kansas, feels bitterly toward Attorney General Wickersham and other officials of his department. He said: "It was the most contemptible act anyone was ever guilty of, and showed that the man who perpetrated it had none of the sensibilities of a gentleman."

"The attorney general declined to take summary action in reference to the resolutions introduced by Senators Lea and Overman, but I am advised that he requested the introduction of the Johnston resolution, with which he immediately complied. Two hours after its introduction he published the private and confidential correspondence of his predecessor."



**Forecast Till 5 p. m. Friday.**  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday except showers tonight or Friday northwest portion. Light frost tonight southwest portion, heavy frost east portion. South to west winds.

**Suppers' Forecast.**  
Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 42 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 28 degrees; southeast to Boise, 25 degrees; south to Astoria, 22 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 44 degrees.

**River forecast.**  
The Willamette river at Portland will rise slightly for the next two or three days.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

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