

**BELIEVE THAT MR. ROOSEVELT MADE MISTAKE**

His Effort to Array Government Against Newspapers is Severely Criticised.

**BOTH PARTIES DEPLORE MOVE**

Not Thought That Defendants Can Be Brought to the Capital.

(Special Correspondent of The Citizen)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—No one of President Roosevelt's acts has ever drawn the same measure of condemnation from the country as his action in inciting his attorney-general to plunge the government into proceedings against newspapers that have criticised the Roosevelt administration.

This view is not overestimating the situation, if the comments of the leading newspapers of the country and of prominent men here in the national capital may be considered thermometers reflecting the sentiment of the nation. Many of the president's critics are personally hostile to the particular newspapers involved.

Some of the president's best friends say he has made the greatest mistake of his career in attempting to drag Editors Pulitzer and Smith to this city for trial, and regret that he ever embarked in the enterprise. These critics do not assert that the editors were right in charging there was grafting in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal, but that the president is setting a precedent that may be used by succeeding presidents to "gag" terrorize and even drive out of existence newspapers that fall under their displeasure. The danger which lurks in the precedent being established by the president, it is pointed out, is that newspapers that may have reason to believe that an investigation should be made into some transaction to determine whether the government was defrauded, will hesitate to agitate the matter because of the example now being made of his critics by President Roosevelt.

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**MERRY WIDOW INCITES RIOTING**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—The presentation last night at the local opera house of "The Merry Widow," the comic opera that has had such a success elsewhere, resulted in a scene of rioting. It was being sung by an Austrian company before a large audience, including many members of the diplomatic corps. In the first act, the play a group of Montenegro, whose national sentiments were wounded by the presentation, began a disturbance. They whistled, hooted and beat on the floor with heavy sticks. The audience hurriedly left the theatre and several women fainted in the rush. The demonstrators were arrested.

**NO QUITTING THERE.**

(By Associated Press.)  
EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Feb. 28.—Because he wanted to quit playing the roulette wheel, after winning steadily all day, Theodore Raeflen, an Italian laborer, was today shot and killed. Pete Stizza of Chester, W. Va., was taken into custody, but escaped, with two companions, who crossed the river by forcing a ferryman at the point of a gun to help them.

**MOCK MARRIAGE OF MIDSHIPMAN CAUGHT ZEALOUS NEWSPAPER MEN**

(By Associated Press.)  
FORT MONROE, Va., Feb. 28.—Naval circles here had a flutter of excitement today when they learned of a mock marriage in the parlors of the Chamberlain hotel late last night in which Midshipman Robert S. Young, Jr., of the armored cruiser North Carolina, and Miss Margaret Connell, daughter of A. J. Connell, of Scranton, Pa., were supposed to be the principals. The entire ceremony was a joke among the young people and a large party of whom had been enjoying the regular Saturday evening dance at the hotel. One of the members of the pseudo "wedding party" called up newspapers in Norfolk and Newport News and told them

**UNWILLING TO FIX THE LIMIT FOR NEW BILLS**

Flood of Proposed Laws Unabated Although Only Few Days Left.

**LITTLE CHANCE FOR SALARY MEASURE**

Joint Session Elects Trustee for University.—Sundry Routine Matters.

(Special to The Citizen.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 28.—Although several members of both branches of the legislature have from time to time given notice that they intended to introduce resolutions fixing a time after which no bill may be introduced except by unanimous consent, nobody seriously expects such a resolution to be enforced effectively, even if one should be adopted. There are too many private bills yet to come in to expect either house to agree to such a limitation. General bills may be excluded, but there is as yet no sign of abatement in the flood of measures proposed from day to day. Representative Mitchell gave notice in the house yesterday that he will ask that Tuesday be fixed as the limit, and that may be adopted, but it will make little difference.

Although the senate yesterday passed the solicitor's salary bill through its second reading, the probability of the passage of such a measure is rather remote at this session. These critics do not assert that the editors were right in charging there was grafting in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal, but that the president is setting a precedent that may be used by succeeding presidents to "gag" terrorize and even drive out of existence newspapers that fall under their displeasure. The danger which lurks in the precedent being established by the president, it is pointed out, is that newspapers that may have reason to believe that an investigation should be made into some transaction to determine whether the government was defrauded, will hesitate to agitate the matter because of the example now being made of his critics by President Roosevelt.

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**ADVANCE GUARD OF PATRIOTS ARRIVE**

Capital Already Bedecked in Honor Inauguration Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Inauguration week was ushered in today with Washington ready with gaily bedecked buildings, newly erected stands and clean swept streets, for the reception of the thousands of American patriots who will come here to witness the induction into office of President Taft next Thursday.

The advance guard of the unattached delegations began to arrive today at the vast union station where an augmented force of 125 special policemen, recruited from practically every large city in the country went on duty for the purpose of preventing the ingress of pick pockets and other undesirable known to them.

A number of the organizations which will participate in the inaugural parade are expected to arrive tomorrow.

President Roosevelt attended church this morning for the last time as chief executive of the nation, going to Grace Reformed church, where he has been a regular attendant since he first came to Washington. He walked to the church accompanied only by two secret service men. A large crowd had gathered at the entrance and greeted him as he passed quickly inside. After the service he reached the white house just in time to greet Mr. Taft who had made his way there directly from his church in an automobile.

In accordance with custom, Mr. Roosevelt today issued a proclamation calling the senate in extraordinary session at noon on March 4th, next. The session is to be held for the purpose of receiving such communications as may be made by the executive among them probably the nominations of his cabinet officers.

**PORTO RICO SOLONS PLAN NEW REPUBLIC**

SAN JUAN, P. I., Feb. 28.—Nine members of the house of delegates have joined together in the presentation of a resolution before the house looking to the confederation of Porto Rico, Cuba, Santo Domingo and Hayti, to be called "The West Indian Republic." The plan provides for one president and a supreme court for the four states, and the election by each of a governor, executive officers and a judiciary. It was also set forth in the resolution that the United States was to be given naval stations and the right to intervene in case of a revolution in exchange for protection and free trade.

The house of delegates, however, met in secret session, and having discussed the resolution, decided to take no legislative action.

**MELVILLE W. FULLER,**  
Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.



WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH TO PRESIDENT TAFT ON OLD SUPREME COURT BIBLE.

**ASK CHILDREN TO BUY MEMORIAL**

Uncle Remus' Home to Be Presented to the Public Through Their Gifts.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 28.—"Snap bean farm and the sign of the wren's nest," as the late Joel Chandler Harris styled his home, is to be purchased by the friends of "Uncle Remus" and presented to the public as a memorial to the distinguished writer. The ladies auxiliary of the Uncle Remus Memorial association has undertaken to raise funds for this purpose, and already they are meeting with much encouragement.

One room in the home will be fitted up as a library and will contain a collection of the writings of Mr. Harris. In another room will be preserved many of the personal effects of the author; another will be used for a collection of colonial, revolutionary and civil war relics. On the front lawn will be placed a memorial fountain, ornamented with designs of the animal friends of this great lover of nature, and the adjacent grounds where Mr. Harris so loved to entertain children with his delightful stories, will be utilized as a playground.

The ladies auxiliary has issued an appeal to the children "of every English-speaking home" to contribute to this fund an amount from a penny to ten cents, the ladies desiring that the fund shall be secured, if possible, from the children who have found delight in the writings of "Uncle Remus."

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**CITIZEN TAFT PREPARES FOR PRESIDENCY**

Decides to Be Sworn in On Old Supreme Court Bible.

**PUTS IN BUSY DAY AT THE CAPITAL**

Touches Up Inaugural Address and is Consulted on Legislation.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—William H. Taft will take the oath of office as president of the United States on the century-old Bible which belongs to the supreme court of the United States, and by it kept in sacred custody. There is a touch of sentiment in this decision which Mr. Taft announced tonight with the statement that had he become a member of the supreme court his oath would have been taken on the same book.

During the past few days there have been many offers of Bibles to the prospective president. He has not declined to receive the gifts, but his answer has been that it will be impossible for him to receive them for the purpose intended. It has been the custom of past presidents to use a new or an historic Bible in taking their oath of office, and each has retained the book thereafter. Mr. Taft will make no claim on the Bible of his choice, and it will go back to the archives of the ancient court, for which there are many evidences of reverence and respect and lingering fondness on the part of Mr. Roosevelt's successor.

Precedent in another ancient inaugural detail is to be broken next Thursday in the intention of President Roosevelt to go from inaugural ceremonies at the capitol direct to his train for Oyster Bay, and not return to the white house in the carriage with Mr. Taft. It is possible that Mrs. Taft may occupy this vacant seat.

Had Busy Day.

From morning service at the Unitarian church, Mr. Taft today went to the white house, where he went over with President Roosevelt that portion of his inaugural address which discusses what is to be his policy respecting the foreign relations of the country. No material changes, if any will be made in the address as a result of the conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft were luncheon guests of Senator and Mrs. Hale, and from four until six thirty this afternoon an informal reception was given Mrs. Taft by Miss Boardman. As the president-elect was present, the affair took on pretentious proportions. Senator Kittredge had an interview today with Mr. Taft respecting the Mann bill, providing for a government for the Panama canal zone which is pending in the senate. This measure is intended to give legislative authority for practically the present system of government there. The measure makes a few changes in the system, but is approved by Mr. Taft. The proposed mail subsidy for steamships was talked over between Mr. Taft and Representatives Overstreet and Landis of Indiana. These subsidies are approved by Mr. Taft.

Tomorrow night Mr. and Mrs. Taft will be guests of honor at a dinner to be given them by the famous Taft Philippines party.

**SIX DAYS OF DELIGHT FOR RUN-MAD GOTHAM**

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Ten of the European competitors who are entered in the International six day gas-bus-pleasure team race at Madison Square Garden March 8 to 13, arrived here today. Perhaps the most novel team is that of the Igorro tribe of the Philippines. These diminutive, semi-civilized natives can run for hours without tiring.

Practically all the noted six day men in the United States are entered and there will also be military, a letter carrier and an Indian team to represent the country. Prizes to the value of \$5,000 have been offered with \$1500 to the winning team, the seven teams next in order receiving proportionate amounts.

Fred Appleby, the English runner, is here to enter some of the ten, fifteen and Marathon distance races now exciting interest in this country.

**SANCTIONS AUTO RACE.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Automobile club of America has granted a sanction for the proposed transcontinental automobile race, which the management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition proposes to hold some time this summer between some point on the Atlantic seaboard, yet to be determined, and Seattle, Wash. A handsome trophy has been offered for the race by M. Robert Guggenheim and in addition substantial cash prizes will be given to drivers.

**COOPER SHARP TRIAL HARDLY HALF FINISHED**

Tenth Day of Testimony Leaves Hundred Witnesses Uncalled.

**FARMER JURY IS GETTING RESTLESS**

Dozen Attorneys to Make Addresses After Evidence Is In.

(By Associated Press.)  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 28.—Sunday was a busy day for counsel on both sides in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the slaying of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack. The adjournment at noon Saturday over until Monday was welcomed by every one. It concluded the sixth week of the trial and the tenth day of actual testimony. The state has offered testimony to show that Senator Carmack received threats that unless he omitted Colonel Cooper's name from the columns of the Tennesseean, either he or Cooper would have to die. Its witnesses told how the senator, while in the act of speaking to his friend and neighbor, Mrs. Eastman, was started by hearing Colonel Cooper say: "So there you are; we have the drop on you."

Mrs. Eastman swore that the senator was in the act of raising his hat when the hostile voice was heard; that he partially drew his revolver; that before he could use it he was shot and fell into the gutter dead.

Summary of Defense.

On the other hand, the defense thus far has offered testimony to show that Colonel Cooper saw Carmack by accident while his son Robin tried to lead him away; that he turned and said he would talk with Carmack; that Robin Cooper followed his father; that the moment Carmack heard Cooper's voice he (Carmack) drew his revolver; that Robin Cooper sprang between his father and the senator, received the bullets aimed at the elder Cooper, and then shot and killed Carmack in self-defense.

The testimony against Sharp is largely circumstantial. He met the Coopers a few minutes before the tragedy, accompanied them within one hundred feet of the scene of the shooting and walked away. A young woman of unimpeachable reputation, Miss Skeffington, state librarian, swears that as she neared Sharp she heard shots and asked what it was. In reply she claims Sharp said: "That is Dunc Cooper killing Senator Carmack."

On the other hand, Sharp swears he turned around, saw the tragedy, and when asked by Miss Skeffington, did not say: "That is Dunc Cooper killing Senator Carmack," but did say, "Shooting" and when she was asked: "Who is shooting?" He said—having seen it—"Shooting between Carmack and Cooper."

Farmers Getting Tired.

The case thus far has been so full of surprises and contradictions that it is impossible to forecast how long the trial will last. The defense has some sixty witnesses waiting to be heard, while the state has fifty-two. How many of these will be called now even the attorneys know. The court has reserved decision on two points, and until these are handed down nothing definite on either side can be announced. It is very probable, however, that it will be two weeks yet before the arguments will begin. It is just as probable that the arguments will last a week, for over a score of attorneys are engaged in the case, and each one expects to address the jury. Meantime the jury, made up of farmers, used to outdoor exercise, is chafing under the restraint and its members are continually asking for "more exercise."

This was called to the attention of Judge Hart yesterday, and he ordered the sheriff to take the twelve men out walking twice each day, regardless of weather.

**ETHEL NOT TO MARRY.**

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An emphatic denial of the reports that the president's youngest daughter, Ethel, is engaged to marry Third Assistant Secretary of State William Phillips, was given out from the white house tonight.

**BODY FOUND IN RIVER.**

ROME, Ga., Feb. 28.—The badly decomposed body of J. C. Cockerell, the Rome insurance man who disappeared on January 26, was found this afternoon floating in the Etowah river. Cockerell was last seen wading in Etowah river about two miles above the point where his body was recovered today.

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