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Gives Roosevelt Tit For Tat

CANNOT MUZZLE THE WORLD.

Roasted and Abused by the President in a Message to Congress, The New York World Strikes Back Vigorously and in Kind.

New York, Dec. 16.—The World, in the course of its answer to President Roosevelt's references to that paper in his message to congress today says:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle the World.

"While no amount of billingsgate on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness, we repeat what we have already said, that the congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction, that the full truth may be known to the American people.

"The World fully appreciates the compliment paid to it by Mr. Roosevelt in making it the subject of a special message to the congress of the United States.

"The World likewise appreciates the importance of Mr. Roosevelt's statement when he declares to congress that the proprietor of The World should be prosecuted for libel by the government authorities, and that the Attorney General has under consideration the form under which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought."

The President's Arrogance.

"This is the first time a President ever asserted that doctrine of less majestic, or proposed, in the absence of special legislation, the criminal prosecution by the government of citizens who criticized the conduct of the government or the conduct of individuals who may have had business dealings with the government. Neither the King of Great Britain or the German Emperor would venture to arrogate such power to himself. John Adams attempted to enforce the sedition law and destroyed the Federalist party in America. Yet Roosevelt in the absence of law officially proposes to use all the power of the greatest government on earth to cripple the freedom of the press on the pretext that the government itself has been libelled—and he is the government.

What Raised the Issue.

"It is true that The World printed the public reports concerning the Panama canal affair which resulted from William Nelson Cromwell's appeal to the district attorney's office during the recent campaign to prevent the publication of a story with was said to be in the hands of the Democratic national committee. It was Mr. Cromwell's own action which raised the issue in the campaign.

"It is true also that when Mr. Roosevelt made his attack upon Delavan Smith The World called attention to certain statements which Mr. Roosevelt must have known to be false or misleading and appealed to congress to end all scandal by a full and impartial investigation. If this be treason, let Mr. Roosevelt make the most of it.

Handles Truth Carelessly.

"Mr. Roosevelt's lamentable habit of inaccurate statements makes it impossible to accept either his judgments or his conclusions. In his message he does not state correctly even so simple a matter as the pretended causes of his grievance. The World has never said that Charles P. Taft, or Douglas Robinson made any profits whatever. Mr. Taft denied that he was concerned in the transaction in any way, which denied The World published and accepted. It would have been equally glad to print Mr. Robinson's denial could it have succeeded in obtaining one from him, as it frequently attempted. The World has no evidence that he was associated with Mr. Cromwell, and would accept his word to that effect; for Mr. Robinson is an estimable gentleman of high character, whose reputation for veracity is infinitely better than that of his distinguished brother-in-law.

Unscrupulous Demagogue.

"No other living man ever so grossly libeled the United States as

Suffolk, Va., Votes Dry.

A special from Suffolk, Va., of 14, says:

Suffolk, today voted "dry," by a majority of 247, the vote being 438 to 181. Though the town went "wet" two years ago by a majority of 11, today's result is no surprise, except as to size.

The "wets" had contended that the vote would be close, and not even the most ardent "dry" forecaster had predicted that the victory would be so decisive. Governor Glenn's address last night to a big mass meeting of men, appears to have been the turning point in the tide of public sentiment.

The result means that twelve saloons, some of which were large shippers into dry territory, will be closed after ninety days. Some of the proprietors will go to Norfolk and open places.

Crushed Under Road Machine.

Asheville, Dec. 16.—Fred Wilkie, aged 10, was run over yesterday afternoon by a road machine weighing about 500 pounds and died at 6 o'clock this morning as the result of the injuries received. The road machine had just been taken from the Southern yards and was being taken to Grove Park for use in constructing roads there. The machine had been left on a very heavy grade, being scotched with some heavy blocks. The boy, it seems, knocked the scotches out from behind the machine, whereupon it started down the grade and caught the boy before he could get out of its course. One of the wheels ran diagonally across the boy's body from his right shoulder down to his left hip. The great weight crushed the body in a terrible manner.

Fatal Play With Matches.

Caroleen, Dec. 16.—The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lillycrop was fatally burned yesterday by igniting matches when alone. The mother had gone to a neighbor's house for a few minutes, leaving the child playing in the yard. While she was absent the little fellow went into the room and found the matches, and soon the fatal flames enveloped him. When the mother and others reached the fearful scene little could be done for the child. The child died last night at 10 o'clock.

Unable to Get a Jury in the Night-Rider Case.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 16.—After an entire day devoted to an attempt to get a jury to try eight alleged night-riders on a charge of murdering Capt. Quentin Rankin, court adjourned today with only two men in the jury box. Fifty-three talesmen were examined. The defense exhausted 26 of its 192 peremptory challenges. The court used 26 others for causes.

The proceedings were marked by frequent tilts between attorneys. At one time Judge Jones threatened to fine Attorney Prince of the defense for contempt.

Inspected the Jail Before Committing the Crime.

Newbern Journal. A young white man named Grant and claiming Maine as his home, is a prisoner at the jail for the larceny of a pocketbook. Saturday the man went to Jailer Williams and asked to be allowed to go into the jail and inspect the cells and locks and the whole place. His wish was granted and he left. Sunday he was arrested at Morehead City and brought back here for the crime which was alleged to have been committed at a boarding house on Griffith street.

Does the President who besmirches congress, bulldozes judges, assails the integrity of courts, slanders private citizens, and who has shown himself the most reckless, unscrupulous demagogue whom the American people ever trusted with great power and authority.

"We say this not in anger but in sincere sorrow. The World has immeasurably more respect for the office of President of the United States than Theodore Roosevelt has maintained a reign of terror and will, fled the honor and honesty of both public officials and private citizens who opposed his politics or thwarted him in his purposes.

"So far as The World is concerned its proprietor may go to jail, if Mr. Roosevelt succeeds, as he threatens; but even in jail The World will not cease to be a fearless champion of free speech, a free press and a free people."

MAY HAVE LYNCHING.

Negro Who Assaulted Lady in Stanly County May Be Lynched if Leader for Mob is Found.

Salisbury, Dec. 16.—A telephone message tonight from Pennington, in Stanly county, was to the effect that Mrs. John R. Moss, of that place, who was yesterday afternoon criminally assaulted in her home by the negro Henry Young, is still in a precarious condition. During the day she rallied occasionally but relapses followed and she is not doing as well tonight as last.

George Leffer, who had a finger bitten off by the negro in the fight with him, is suffering a great deal and it is feared that blood poison may set in in his hand. There is considerable apprehension also that hydrophobia may result, as it is believed that the negro was rabid when he bit Mr. Leffer. Chief of Police Crews, of Spencer, has suggested that it might be wise to send the head of the "rabid animal" to the Pasteur Institute at Baltimore for examination.

At Albemarle, where the negro is in jail, feeling is more intense tonight than it was last night, as the matter has been fully discussed throughout that section and more people know of the foul crime than was the case 24 hours ago. It is feared that if a leader for the mob can be secured the negro will be disposed of before morning.

In Revenue Circles.

The Greensboro Daily Industrial News has the following on the changes to be made in the revenue affairs of the state:

"On January 1, the day that state prohibition goes into effect the office of the revenue agent will be discontinued, after having been located here for twenty years.

"The United States government is not supposed to maintain a force of revenue officers in territory where the government gets no revenue from license and stamp sales, but a force of officers will be kept in the state subject to the orders of the revenue agents. In order that this may be done without violating a custom of the government, North Carolina and Virginia will be divided into two revenue agent's districts, a part of each state being in each of the districts. The present and the second district of Virginia will be consolidated into one district, with headquarters in Richmond, Va., under Revenue Agent W. H. Chapman. The present fifth district of North Carolina and the sixth district of Virginia, with a portion of the East Tennessee district with headquarters at Asheville, under Revenue Agent R. B. Sams.

E. W. Screven, revenue agent, who has been in charge here since September, 1907, will be transferred to Columbia, S. C., in charge of a district embracing South Carolina, southern Georgia and Florida."

White to Chain Gang.

Marshall White, colored, was given a hearing before mayor pro tem R. R. Clark yesterday afternoon on the charge of using profane language on the streets, as stated in yesterday's paper, and fined ten dollars and the costs, which amounted to \$16.10. White was unable to pay the fine and goes to the chain gang for a term of thirty days. It is very likely that he will serve sixty days before he gets through, as his fine of \$7.65 for an affray yesterday morning had not been paid before he got into the trouble. The gentleman who stood for him in the first case released himself from the obligation when the negro got into the second trouble so he will very probably remain with Mr. Henry for about two months.

Here on Visit.

Mr. J. F. Holland, of Alexandria, Indiana, arrived in the city last night. He is on his way to his old home at Olin, to spend the holidays with his father, Mr. W. S. Holland, and other relatives.

This is Mr. Holland's first trip home for about seven years.

Mr. Holland visited The Mascot and ordered the paper sent to his home.

New Automobile.

Dr. E. M. Yount is now making his calls in a new automobile, and it is a nice one. It is a Cadillac, gasoline power, and in color black. Dr. Yount is the first physician of the city to use an auto in making his visits.

MR. HUDSON RETURNS.

Farm Demonstrator Has Been Gone Six Weeks and During That Time Visited Eight Different Counties. Farmers Are Taking Much Interest in the Work.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, of the agricultural department, returned this morning from a six week's trip and reports that he did demonstration work in eight counties as follows: Cumberland, Pitt, Beaufort, Hertford, Warren and Johnson.

Mr. Hudson says the farmers are taking an interest in the work and that much good will come of it.

He has many requests from counties in which the work has not yet been started wanting him to get it under way in these counties but he says he has all he can take on for this season.

Mr. Hudson showed us some corn at his office today raised in Iredell county on some of the farms where demonstration work is being carried on that is very fine. He also has some specimens of corn grown by Mr. James Lippard at Troutman's that averaged about 90 bushels to the acre, and when it is taken into consideration that 20 bushels is a good average for this county this is a mighty good argument for the work being done by Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Hudson got the work started on 800 farms on his trip during the past six weeks in the eight counties visited.

Mr. Hudson thinks it would be a good thing and urges that our farmers raise more corn. He says even Mr. Hudson thinks all farmers could make it profitable for farmers to raise enough corn to keep from having to buy corn at a dollar a bushel. With the improved methods being introduced by Mr. Hudson the expense of raising corn can be reduced to 25 or 30 cents per bushel. With an increase of five bushels per acre Mr. Hudson thinks all farmers would avoid buying outside corn.

Mr. Hudson has promised to give us an interesting article on demonstration work in a short time.

A Barbecue.

Messrs. R. V. Tharpe, C. R. Gaither and B. P. Young are preparing to treat their friends to an old fashioned barbecue on the 26th inst.

The affair will be pulled off at the Gaither Lumber Co's plant, near the depot.

Barbecued opussum, chicken and pig will be on the menu in the way of meats, with other refreshments on the side.

These gentlemen will invite quite a number of their friends to enjoy the day with them.

A brother of Mr. Young, of Davie county will be here and have charge of the work of barbecuing the meats, and as he has the reputation of being a good hand at the business those who are invited to take part in the affair will have an opportunity of eating some first-class barbecued meats.

Mr. A. W. Perkins, of Charlotte, has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, under Superintendent R. V. Tharpe. Mr. Perkins has been with Mr. Tharpe for several days getting acquainted with the business and is now ready to take up his regular line of work.

Returns Home.

Mrs. H. C. Green and family left this morning for their home in St. Louis. They have been here for about ten days at the home of Mr. Green's father, Rev. R. G. Green, where they were called on account of Rev. Green's serious illness. Rev. Green seems to be improving, we are glad to note.

Entertains XXth Century Club.

Mrs. Geo. B. Nicholson entertained the XXth Century Club at her home on Race street yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A pleasant hour or two were spent with Mrs. Mrs. Nicholson by the members of the club.

Notice.

If you discard all idea of getting something genuine for the cost of something spurious—then why can't we "get together" as to the price. See Bob Henry.

Weather Forecasts.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—For North Carolina increasing cloudiness with probably rain late tonight or Friday.

Holten-Murdock.

Mr. James Holton, son of Mrs. Sidney Holton, and Miss Gertrude Murdock, daughter of Mr. C. L. Murdock, manager of the T. M. Mills Co., were married this morning at the home of Rev. J. H. Pressly.

Mr. Holton is now engaged in the harness business at Mocksville and will take his wife there to live. Their many friends in the city and county wish this young couple much happiness in their journey through life together.

They left this morning on No. 11 for a bridal trip up the western road.

Business Change.

Messrs. P. A. Jones and R. A. Cooper have bought the meat business and restaurant conducted by Mr. M. E. Brawley heretofore. These gentlemen will make some changes and improvements. The business will continue as heretofore with a full line of groceries added. The firm will be known as P. A. Jones & Co.

Mr. Jones has been conducting his meat market in the store room with Mr. B. F. Cashion up to last night, when he moved to his new place.

Good Times at Stony Point.

Mr. J. F. Moore, of Stony Point, was in this city this morning to renew his subscription to the Iredell Mascot and tells us that much building is being done at Stony Point. There are several new residences going on being done at Stony Point. The bank at that place is now in working order and seems to be doing a good business. This institution is quite a convenience to the people at Stony Point and the farmers in that vicinity.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Misses Julia Patterson and Fannie Hines, of Hiddenite, are spending a few days in the city with Mrs. McKay, wife of Policeman McKay.

Mr. T. J. Smith, of Lincolnton, is in the city today on business. Miss Sarah Howard has been added to the sales force at R. P. Allison's to help through the holiday season.

The ladies at the court house who have the bazaar in hand are having a very good trade this afternoon and expect to serve many of our business men with meals this evening and tonight.

Book Club Meets.

The Thursday Afternoon Book Club met with Mrs. Wm. Morrison this morning and after the regular program was disposed of, which dealt with a study of Venice, refreshments were served by Mrs. Morrison. The decorations of the study room were in line with the season—of a holiday nature.

The hostess presented each guest with an appropriate souvenir when the meeting came to a close.

Big Fire at Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—The largest fire Goldsboro has had for many years is raging here tonight. It is feared that the whole block in the heart of the business section will be destroyed. Every possible stream of water is playing on the flames with direct pressure and the aid of the fire engines, but so far is having little effect.

Gone to Oklahoma.

Mr. M. F. Patterson and family, and Messrs. Bob and Emmet Smith and Will Hines, all of Hiddenite left last night for Oklahoma.

This is their first trip to the west. They intend to locate in Oklahoma but as yet have not decided on a location.

Day after day he walked the street, looking for a present for "wifey" sweet—"I know what'll please her most," said he; "It's Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea."—Statesville Drug Co.

Marriage License.

Marriage license were issued today to Mr. Thos. Guy of the county, and Miss C. D. Harris, daughter of Cato Harris, of this city. Also to Mr. Mack W. Goble and Leora Goble, of Alexander county.

Revolt Against Absent President

"DOWN WITH THE DICTATOR."

Castro's End in Sight—Believed That Castro, Venezuelan's President, Will not Return to His Country—Caracas Under Military Law.

Willemstad, Dec. 16.—The end of President Castro's reign in Venezuela is clearly foreshadowed in all parts of the country as a result of the Dutch reprisals against that country. Today's dispatches from Caracas show that the culminated in an attack on the official construction last Monday was far more serious than the early reports indicated, and that since then antagonism in the capital has grown until there is almost a state of open revolt against Castro and Acting President Gomez. Thousands of enraged Venezuelans from all over the country are flocking into Caracas and the cry "Down With the Dictator" is heard on all sides.

Steps are already underway to confiscate the property of Castro, the larger part of which however, has been taken out of the country by the wily executive.

The people are now convinced that Castro has fled with no intention of returning and a revolutionary proclamation is momentarily expected.

Caracas is in revolt. Castro's statues have been burned in the plaza. Great mobs have looted the public and private property, making a huge bonfire in Plaza Bolivar of effigies of President Castro.

The police are making no effort to restrain the revolutionists. Martial law has been declared here and something like order is restored in the city.

Revolt has been purely against Castro and there has been no demonstration against Holland.

Wilbur Wright Makes a Remarkable Flight.

Lemans, Dec. 16.—Wilbur Wright the American aeronaut, made a most remarkable flight today. Instead of rising gradually the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet. The aeronaut then permitted it to drop about fifty feet at which altitude he stopped the engine. The machine glided down smoothly and gracefully, landing about three-quarters of a mile from the starting point.

Salisbury Distillers May go to Florida

At least two Salisbury distillers, who on the 31st instant will go out of business in this state by reason of the state-wide prohibition law, contemplate going to Jacksonville, Fla., and operating their plants.

Jacksonville is said to be an inviting field and already several North Carolina distillers have arranged to locate there.

User of Knife is Shot.

Durham, Dec. 15.—The officers shot Halie Bowling, who is a fixture in the county courts, this morning when attempted flight after having cut badly William Smith last night on Main street in a scrap. The fellow did not leave last night, and when the officers went after him this morning he fled. They began firing and brought him down with a bullet through his right shoulder. He is not badly hurt.

Smith is dangerously stabbed. He was literally ripped open and another colored boy, Son Hopkins, received a vicious slashing. There was fear today that the wounded man can not live and the officers went after the stabber as they would have done a successful murderer.