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## Taking a Holiday.

As the date of the next issue of The Progress falls on Christmas day we will omit the issue of next week. We do this in order that our office force may take a much needed rest. We shall be on deck again with our issue of January 1st, and hope to run uninterruptedly for another year.

## The World's Reply to Roosevelt.

That the high office of President of the United States has been grossly dishonored by the man who now occupies the place, can hardly be doubted by the most charitable citizen of the country. That the present occupant has stooped to things very unbecoming to one holding such a high position, can not be doubted by a mere school child. Such was never, in the history of the country, happened, and we hope the country, will never be so unfortunate as to have another like unto him.

The New York World, in the course of its answer to the President's reference to it in his special message to Congress last week, in its Tuesday edition has the following:

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

"While no amount of billings-gate 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 governmental authorities, and that the Attorney-General has under consideration the form under which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought.

"This is the first time a President ever asserted the doctrine of lese majeste, or proposed, in the absence of specific 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 nor the German Emperor would venture to arrogate such power to himself. John Adam's attempt to enforce the sedition law destroyed the Federalist party in America. Yet Mr. Roosevelt, in the absence of law, officially proposes to use all the power of the government to cripple the freedom of the press on the pretext that the government itself has been libeled—and he is the government."

"It is true that the World printed the public reports concerning the Panama Canal affair, which resulted from William Cromwell's appeal to the District Attorney's office during the recent campaign to prevent the publication of a story which 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.

"Mr. Roosevelt's lamentable habit of inaccurate statements make 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 denial 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.

"If the World has libeled anybody we hope it will be punished, but we do not intend to be intimidated by Mr. Roosevelt's threats or by Mr. Roosevelt's denunciation, or by Mr. Roosevelt's power.

"No other living man ever so grossly libeled the United States as does this 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 ever shown during the years in which he has maintained a reign of terror and vilified the honor and honesty of both public officials and private citizens who opposed his policies or thwarted him in his purpose.

"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."

## Mr. Bradley Replies to Mr. Kitchin.

Hobgood, N. C., Dec. 9.  
Mr. Editor:

Will you please allow me space in your paper to state the facts in the controversy between Mr. Kitchin and myself?

Mr. Kitchin said in his reply to my former article, that he desired the truth established, and let all true thinking people decide the matter for themselves.

Now Mr. Editor, if Mr. Kitchin sincerely desires the truth established, why did he not state the facts as they are in full? He knows the whole truth in the matter, because he had my signed statement, and he knows what he said to the voters in Scotland Neck on the day of the election.

Instead of doing this, he pursued the course of a brave man, and said, Bradley and his authority seek to misrepresent him. Now I want to tell Mr. Kitchin that it was not my purpose to misrepresent, or injure him in any way, I simply wanted to let the people know that I was not acting the hypocrite.

In as much as he (Mr. Kitchin) failed to state the facts in full I shall endeavor to give them

myself as nearly as I can remember them, and if I fail to state them correctly, Mr. Kitchin can publish my signed statement and let the people decide for themselves who has been misrepresented, and who has lied. Now the facts are as follows:

On the day of the speaking at Hobgood by Messrs. Kitchin, Dunn and Travis, I told Mr. Kitchin if they (the speakers) would discuss the county politics, and show from the county records (which of course they did not have with them) that there had been no crookedness in the past administration of the county affairs, and the county funds had been used for the benefit of the people, that I would be with them.

Mr. Kitchin requested me to put the statement in writing and sign it, which I did. After I had signed it, Mr. Kitchin predicted that I would be off the ticket before sunset. In reply to him, I said never while the sun shines.

Now these are the conditions upon which I agreed to come off the Independent ticket, and I am willing for all true thinking people to decide for themselves who has been misrepresented or slandered.

Yours truly,  
S. D. BRADLEY.

## The Wonderful Soil.

While Wall Street throws itself into spasms, finance becomes disrupted, banks totter, mills close and railroads go into receivers' hands, the green old earth proceeds plaidly about her settled mission of supplying things to eat to troubled humanity. The common soil is the most wonderful asset that this country has. It knows no panics, is troubled by no scares, maintains no relations with manipulation and jobbery. And during the last fiscal year it yielded to the nation, directly and indirectly, new wealth valued at no less than \$7,778,000,000.

This magnificent result is the more remarkable in that it came at the end of a period of unusual depression. It was in no sense an accident. Secretary Wilson's report shows that the wonderful growth in the value of the country's farm products has proceeded steadily for a decade. If this value is represented by the index finger 100 in 1899, it would be represented by 125 in 1903, by 143 in 1906, and 165 in 1908. This means an increase by two-thirds in the course of nine years, an increase represented by over \$3,000,000,000. Some of the individual figures are staggering—2,643,000,000 bushels of corn, hay worth \$621,000,000, dairy products valued at nearly \$800,000,000, animal products of all sorts to the amount of nearly \$3,000,000,000. This was the work of one year. The secretary says that in the last ten years the wealth production at the farms has exceeded \$60,000,000,000.

It is no more courtesy of the stump that has dubbed the farmer the backbone of American prosperity. Men whose labors yield four times the wealth taken from the mines and the oil-fields together, who furnish a third of all raw materials used in all industries, and who feed so large a part of the human race, deserve almost any adjectives. That the power of this country to support population is practically unlimited is not the least significant testimony of these amazing figures.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done me worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c. at W. E. Beavans' drug store.

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## Had a Close Call.

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Halifax County.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of power vested in me by that Deed of Trust made to me on the 13th day of December, 1905 by H. B. Bulluck, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, in book 177 at pages 251, to which reference is made, I shall on the 9th day of January, 1909, sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction in the Town of Enfield the following described tract or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the County of Halifax, and State of North Carolina, to wit: Beginning at a pine on Breaches Swamp, J. J. Draper's Corner, thence North 2 degrees East 220 poles to a pine on the county road, thence South 84 degrees West 50 poles to center of two persimmon and four pines, thence South 2 degrees West 184 poles to a willow oak on swamp, and thence down said Breaches Swamp to the beginning, and containing sixty (60) acres more or less.

Time of sale, 1:15 o'clock; place of sale, in front of post office.

This the 8th day of December, 1908.  
J. C. BRANCH,  
Trustee.  
R. C. Duun, Attorney.

## Ladies' Furnishings.

We have recently opened a Ladies' up-to-date Furnishing Store. From now we'll keep a large line of ladies' ready-to-wear goods, such as tailor made suits for ladies, misses, and children, and a full line of silk, wool, and cotton underwear. Our suits were bought late in the season and continue to come from fourteen manufacturers twice and three times a week. Leading colors are blue, brown, London smoke, green, garnet, and striped covert cloth in all shades, as well as blacks.

The regular \$18 to \$30 suits now \$10 to 20. We have suits \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, all the latest silk and satin lined.

Our ladies tell us the material in these suits cost more than what we are selling them for. We have all the leading colors and styles of ladies, misses, and childrens coats and cloaks.

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