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Man Still a Savage.

The civilized world is reverting. It pines for brutalities, it hankers for horrors, and it grovels before the spectacle of animal pain.

For one, I hate to dwell upon what exists in this educated, supposedly Christianized world, exclaims a writer in the Boston Herald.

Man is still a savage. Whether it is pigeon shooting, bull fights, sport in the jungle, a privately arranged bull and tiger combat, or even the accepted prize ring maulings, he craves the emotion, the maddening, blood-curdling frenzy this process of killing excites.

There are degrees, it is true, and the brutal instinct may not relish seeing hapless birds drop with broken wings as much as watching a bull and tiger shut in a cage battling out their bloody strength.

But we are told that spectators at such scenes are few compared with all those who have made a better and safer life for humanity at large. One never can tell.

Sometimes the police step in, as they did at the savage exhibition in Marseilles, and end the "sport." But the police cannot reach the source of such inhuman amusement.

Light in the Dark Continent. There is a new ray of light for Africa. Belgium has decided to take under national control the region of the Congo.

Not since the days when Great Britain was aroused to a white heat by Armenian massacres has there been so much international indignation as in recent years over reported atrocities in the valley of the Congo.

To be sure, there have been pro and con, and the controversy has been general, says the Boston Herald, that the exploitation of the resources of the Congo has given much more attention to the size of the product than to the life and happiness of the natives.

Perhaps the fittest and most hopeful comment is the fact that Belgium itself has taken this African dependency from the personal control of the sovereign. King Leopold, and has made national the government and the responsibility therefor.

Reports from the Panama canal continue to show a surprisingly rapid rate of progress. More than three times as much earth was excavated in June and July of this year as was dug out in the corresponding months of last year.

It was thought would check the work, has had practically no effect. At the present rate of 3,000,000 cubic yards a month it will not take long to excavate a hundred million cubic yards.

"The tendency of the present day is to encourage people to depend on the government," says the Hartford Times. The real, manly American young fellow will never be built on a plan like that.

He will go out in the world to take care of himself and to help along the old folks. That is the sort of self-reliant manhood on which the country is going to depend for its future.

An interesting experiment in pure food is to be tried in New York. Arrents have been made and fines imposed on persons who put sulphuric acid in the preserving of fruits and jellies.

Warnings against repetition of the offense had no effect. Now a jail sentence is to be tried. The experiment is worth extending to other matters where fines have failed.

A crab was caught in Florida in whose claws was found sticking an old Spanish doubloon. Now the lucky finder is going to institute a search for a lost treasure reported to have been buried near the place.

The value of last year's catch on the Pacific slope is estimated at \$25,000,000. When the fisherman and the statistician get together you may look for something out of the ordinary.

THE WANDERING MINSTREL



He is Still Wandering in the Wilderness.

PARTY OF PROGRESS

INDEPENDENT VOTER DRAWN TO REPUBLICANS.

Principles and Records Stand Far Above the Heroics and Platitudes Given Utterance to by Mr. Bryan.

"Not in years have party lines been more loosely drawn or voters more disposed to put principles and men above party labels. The opportunity of the Democratic party in the coming election lies in making itself an effective instrument for this spirit of protest.

"If," indeed! But if we have not followed the brilliant and cogent reasoning of the World's political editorial in vain, it has long cherished in the depths of its editorial being the belief that the Bryanized Democracy is effective of nothing save defeat, and as for its peerless leader, it has reminded us often enough that, like the player queen, he "doth protest too much."

The independent vote which Mr. Bryan's tardy and reluctant champion now covets for him or for his reorganized party is, however, an intelligent vote as well as an independent one, and considerably drawn from the ranks of the Republican party. It has grown in numbers, though, from Mr. Bryan's party, most notably since Mr. Bryan's leadership began, and it has waxed likewise in political wisdom founded on political experience.

He will see in each party a progressive wing and a conservative or reactionary wing. He already has seen the triumph in each party of the progressive leader, and he will not have failed to note that into each triumph entered the element of compromise, and that behind each progressive leader marches to-day the leaders who opposed them; behind Taft Cannon, Aldrich, Foraker; behind Bryan Sullivan, Taggart, Murphy, Watterson, Francis, Pulitzer.

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The spirit of righteous protest, our independent voter will consider, found utterance, and with noteworthy effect, through Roosevelt, Taft, Hughes and militant progressives of the Republican party. If it was not completely effective, that was because it met the opposition of men sworn to opposition, as some of Mr. Bryan's chief lieutenants and allies are sworn to opposition.

In short, the independent voter realizes to-day, and will remember in November, that the Republican party has already proved itself what the World is asking Mr. Bryan and the Democracy to prove themselves before election day—an effective instrument of the spirit of protest.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"Bryan," says the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, "can sit on his lawn with his legs crossed, tailor fashion. That is more than Taft can do." To be sure, Mr. Taft has no lawn worth mentioning. It is unkind to twit him on his comparative poverty and his adversary's wealth.

TAFT AND THE TRUSTS.

People of the Country May Rely on Republican Nominee.

The more the people see and hear of William Howard Taft the less doubt there will be as to his purpose and ability to keep up the good work of the Roosevelt administration. Where the next president lets his countrymen judge him at first hand there is little question that the present standards of the national government will be maintained.

Especially in dealing with corporations which disobey national laws and conduct their business unfairly, Roosevelt has been so vigorous, so aggressive and so convincing in stating his case to the country that there has been a disposition to look for a marked change when his successor shall take up the heavy tasks of the presidency. It has been said that Taft would not attack the great evils of misused wealth with such force and zeal as the present executive has shown, and this view has been quite general.

But when and where the Republican candidate is seen and heard and the people have an opportunity to come into close contact with him, this fear of the weakening of the federal government, in any important respect, gives place to new confidence in the ability and determination of the man whom Theodore Roosevelt himself recommends for his successor. When men come to know Taft, face to face, they feel and trust his strength, his firmness of purpose, his high character, his ability to get the results desired. Then they become certain that there will be no backsliding at Washington, no giving up of any ground which has been won by the government, when the next president takes up the burden his friend and intimate associate lays down.

Taft tours are sure to make Taft votes because of this clearing away of misunderstandings. Taft speeches will win many wavering voters simply because they will make clearer the truth about Taft. Where he is known he is trusted. Those who stand closest to him are most confident of his great success in the White House.

Mr. Bryan.

In the Baltimore American is an interview with a prominent physician and an influential Democrat, and thus the man speaks: "I have been a life-long Democrat, and I expect to remain a Democrat, but I cannot conscientiously look upon Mr. Bryan as a Democrat. I think he is a Populist."

Viewed from the standpoint of primary Democratic principle, this man's conclusion is correct, and every well-informed Democrat knows it. Mr. Bryan has knocked over every sacred doctrine the Democratic party ever proclaimed and has stood up for about everything the Populists ever proposed. He was for free coinage, unlimited greenbacks, packing the supreme court for a political end, government ownership of railways; and as a writer in the North American said, he would to-day be for socialism but he is afraid his party would not stand for it.—Ohio State Journal.

"Shall the People Rule?"

For ourselves we see no reason for the inquiry that Mr. Bryan is so insistently putting. We have heard of no plot to revolutionize our Republic form of government and establish an absolute monarchy. We do not understand just what grievance in the body politic the impassioned declamation about popular rule is directed against. The people have ruled. The people are ruling, and we are willing to go further, and to say that even if Mr. Bryan is elected the people will still rule, which is more than he seems ready to concede in the case of Republican success.—Louisville Herald.

Missed His Calling.

William Jennings Bryan, with that sonorous, far-resounding voice of his might have risen to fame as a baseball umpire. Instead of that, he is wasting it in the vain attempt to talk himself into the presidency of the United States.—Chicago Tribune.

STORY OF ATTEMPT TO BRIDE

IS TOLD IN AN AFFIDAVIT MADE BY A PRIEST.

The Howard Gould Divorce Case Furnishes Another Sensational Incident.

New York City.—That \$2,000 had been offered an employee of the Hotel St. Regis to give false testimony against Mrs. Howard Gould was the substance of an affidavit, purporting to have been made by Rev. Joseph G. Murray, which was presented to Justice Glogerich in the supreme court Friday. The case came up before the justice on a motion to strike out certain allegations in Mrs. Gould's complaint in her suit for a separation from her husband, as scandalous and irrelevant. Mrs. Gould's counsel opposed the motion and presented several affidavits in which it was charged that certain witnesses had been hired to testify in favor of Mr. Gould.

The affidavit of Father Murray was one of the papers presented. It declares that Michael H. Dooty had told the priest that while he was employed at the Hotel St. Regis, where Mr. Gould lived, a detective went to him with the proposition that he "give a proper report of Mrs. Gould's comings and goings at the hotel, the amount of wine she drank and the names of her visitors, notably those that were men."

Another affidavit, made by Maurice Molloy, alleges that Molloy was under contract, while custodian of Castle Gould at Port Washington, to treat Mrs. Gould in a contemptuous fashion. The lawyer for Mrs. Gould recited how it was alleged that Molloy had gone into the house, sat on divans and puffed cigarette smoke in Mrs. Gould's face when she ordered him out of the house.

She says she was particularly annoyed by her husband during a trip to Egypt, where they were entertained by the khedive and Prince Mohammed Ali. She accuses Mr. Gould of being jealous when she went driving with the prince.

BUSINESS BULLETIN.

Hesitation is Noted in Nearly All the Leading Industries.

New York City.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Seasonable weather has stimulated retail trade materially, and the better distribution to consumers brought a larger movement in wholesale and jobbing departments, but in most leading industries there is still hesitation. Low stocks of merchandise necessitate urgency in replenishment when dealers find retail buying on a normal scale, as is the case in many sections of the country, but preparations for distant requirements proceed cautiously, although expressions of confidence are heard on all sides.

On the whole there is improvement in mercantile collections, yet in many lines, especially the east, irregularity is noted. Many factories have further increased the number of hands at work.

While new business comes most conservatively to the steel mills, orders on hand are sufficient to maintain the current rate of production during October, and activity is confidently expected next month. Railway buying continues limited.

Two Officeholders are Removed.

Washington, D. C.—As the result of a report made by the civil service commission President Roosevelt on Friday removed Lincoln Avery, collector of the port at Port Huron, Mich., and also directed the removal of Charles H. Dailey, special agent of the treasury at that place. The civil service commission found proof of charges of serious violations of the regulations in regard to campaign assessments, and which also involved, on the part of Dailey, "pernicious activity in politics."

Negroes are Ejected from Cars.

Washington, D. C.—The president has received complaints from Kansas that negroes traveling from Kansas to Oklahoma, Texas and other southern states are made the victims of embarrassing circumstances, being arrested by state officers who claim that they have no right in chair cars in the states above named and who arrest, eject and otherwise interfere with colored persons who are interstate passengers. These communications were referred to the department of justice.

Evans' Son to Face Court-Martial.

Manila.—Lieut. Frank Taylor Evans of the battleship Louisiana, son of Admiral Robley D. Evans, and Lieut. Charles P. Burt of the battleship Georgia, must appear before a court-martial on October 5. Evans is charged with being absent while acting as chief of the deck, using profane language to a superior officer and intoxication. Burt is charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."

A Strike is Averted.

Scranton, Pa.—The threatened strike of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad switchmen has been averted. It was announced Friday that the discharged committee-men, Flynn and Cannon, will be reinstated.

American Fleet Arrives at Manila.

Manila.—The 15 battleships of the American fleet which started from Hampton Roads last December, are anchored in double column off the breakwater here.

OUTLAW GANG IS BEING HUNTED

BY A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE IN BUCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

GOV. SWANSON TAKES ACTION

Newspaper Men are Told to Leave Arvonnia or be Shot—Leader of Desperadoes is Reported to Have Been Killed.

Richmond, Va.—Excitement in Arvonnia is greatly allayed, but in the outlying districts, where the houses are several miles distant from each other, the people are still fearful of visitations from the Zimmerman-Thomas gang of outlaws.

The crisis was reached Thursday when Edmund W. Hubbard, state's attorney for Buckingham county, telegraphed to the justice of the peace in Arvonnia to summon 80 men and form them in squads of 20 to scour the country for the desperadoes. Mr. Hubbard acted after consultation with Gov. Swanson. It is supposed the vigilance committee started last night.

The latest report from the outlaw country is that Charles Newton, brother-in-law of Benjamin Zimmerman, supposed to be the leader of the gang, is dead from wounds inflicted by one of the desperadoes. The report could not be confirmed owing to the inaccessibility of the place where the shooting is said to have occurred, but it is generally believed that Newton has been killed. The murder, if it occurred, is the result of an old grudge existing between the victim and his slayer.

Some time ago Zimmerman is alleged to have attempted a criminal assault on Newton's wife, and after the warrant was sworn out for his arrest, to have threatened his brother-in-law. In consequence of the threats, Newton and his wife moved from the home of the band to a place called Payne's Station, near where the alleged shooting took place. It is reported that members of the gang have been sighted in the woods between the Slate and James rivers, but no one has got within earshot of them.

Affairs for newspaper men reached a climax Thursday at Arvonnia when the first greeting they received was that they would be shot on sight and that it would be well for them to leave the village. The bearer of the message would not divulge the name of the sender. He repeated the message several times, and the reporters took him at his word.

THE CRUSH WAS TERRIFIC.

Twenty People Were Injured While Viewing a Parade in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Over a score of men, women and children were injured, some of them so painfully that treatment at hospitals was necessary, during the great historical and industrial pageant Thursday in celebration of Pittsburg's sesqui-centennial anniversary. Over 300,000 persons lined the route of the parade and at times the crush was so great that many persons were thrown to the ground and severely trampled before rescued by the police.

Many prominent persons were in the parade. Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young, retired, a native of this city, was grand marshal. In the first carriage was Charles W. Fairbanks, vice president of the United States, his special aide, Col. Patterson, and Mayor Guthrie of Pittsburg. In other carriages were Gov. Stuart of Pennsylvania and staff, ex-Gov. Pennypacker, Lieut. Gov. Murphy, members of every court, congressmen and legislators.

Last night the streets of the city were crowded with masqueraders. Street car service in the downtown section was suspended, while thousands of persons threw confetti and the din of horns and bells was terrific.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED.

Freight Crashed Into an Excursion Train at Sugar Ridge, O.

Toledo, O.—Five persons were killed at Sugar Ridge, O., at 8 o'clock Thursday night when a freight train on the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad crashed into a heavily laden excursion train returning from the fair at Bowling Green.

The dead: Richard Rideout, 15, East Toledo. Thomas Crane, 14, Toledo. George Gosler, 21, Sugar Ridge. Leslie Fuller, 16, Dunbridge. John Brake, Columbus. The injured number about 15, two of whom will die. The accident was caused, it is said, by the carelessness of the crew of the freight.

Two Firemen Buried in Store's Ruins.

Youngstown, O.—Five firemen are in the hospital and two more are in the ruins of Knox's five and ten cent store, where fire started at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night and gutted the structure. The building, three stories high, is wrecked.

Two Killed; Twenty Injured.

Spencer, N. C.—Two lives were lost and 20 or more persons were injured here Thursday night by the explosion of a powder storage house in the yards of the Southern Railway Co.

CASTAWAYS ARE RESCUED

STEAMER AEON WRECKED ON A REEF IN MID-OCEAN.

Passengers and Crew Spent Nearly Two Months on a Barren Island in the Pacific.

Suva, Fiji Islands.—The castaways from the British steamer Aeon, who spent nearly two months on Christmas Island, an almost barren coral formation in the Pacific ocean, arrived here Wednesday on the steamer Manuka, of the Canadian-Australian line, all well and increased by one in number. A daughter was born to the wife of Chaplain B. R. Patrick, U. S. N., 24 hours before the Manuka was sighted, and this event, with the arrival of the rescuers, was made the occasion of much rejoicing.

The Manuka reached Christmas Island on September 23. Six hundred bags of mail were transferred to the steamer during the night and the passengers and crew of the Aeon were taken aboard the next morning.

The Aeon left San Francisco on July 6 for Auckland by way of Apia, and was carried on the coral island by the strong currents setting in shore. The steamer speedily broke up, but the mails were saved and a large quantity of stores. The refugees suffered few privations, but found themselves amid the remnants of former wrecks, indicating the danger of the reefs and tides.

Besides the officers and crew, the Aeon carried Mrs. Patrick and her children and the wife of Lieut. W. K. Riddle, U. S. N. Rude shelters were built, but later quite an artistic cottage was erected for Mrs. Patrick and her nurse out of lumber and the cabin fittings of the ship. Among the stores saved were plenty of fresh vegetables, and the men of the crew got fish in abundance by the use of clubs in the surf.

A supply of fresh water was found at a depth of seven feet and according to the castaways, under the circumstances, they fared well indeed.

TAFT VISITS BRYAN'S TOWN.

Republican Candidate Receives Warm Welcome at Lincoln, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb.—Accepting the challenge of William J. Bryan, right in the home city of the Nebraskan, William H. Taft on Wednesday night not only endorsed President Roosevelt on the question of the publicity of campaign contributions, but defended it with arguments to establish that position as sound from the standpoint of public good and to show that the Bryan position was one simply for protection effect.

Mr. Taft made 11 speeches in Nebraska before reaching Lincoln and five speeches throughout. His audiences throughout were large and enthusiastic and his reception in Lincoln was made particularly gratifying to him by the enthusiasm exhibited by the immense crowds which greeted him at all points.

Excursion trains came to Lincoln from many places in the state during the day and the city was alive with bands, marching clubs and general campaign excitement.

Mr. Bryan, whose plan was to reach the city Wednesday forenoon, had changed his schedule so as to bring him in at 1 o'clock Thursday morning. This change precluded any possible meeting between the candidates.

The one disappointing feature of the Taft demonstration in Lincoln was the bad condition of the voice of the candidate.

A FRIGHTFUL CATASTROPHE.

City of Hyderabad, India, was Engulfed by a Flood—Thousands of People Drowned.

Hyderabad, India.—The catastrophe that overwhelmed Hyderabad, the capital of the nizam's dominions and left in its trail thousands of dead, was one of the most sudden and most appalling of many visitations in India. In the nizam's dominions are many tanks or lakes, the largest of which communicates with the river Musi. Tremendous rains caused the lake to overflow into the river, which in turn burst its banks.

A flood of water 60 feet high swept down upon the city, carrying everything before it and completely devastating several quarters of the city. Thousands of tons of water crashed in a dense mass against the houses, burying under the ruins the natives to a number that cannot be estimated.

When the flood subsided a vast quagmire of black mud, out of which arises a poisonous stench, marked the spot where thousands of people lived. Bands of natives are now searching this pool for the bodies of their relatives and the scenes are sickening. Many bodies have been recovered and all of them are badly mangled. Many more are buried in the debris of masonry and twisted iron. The flood actually wiped out a district a mile long and half a mile wide.

Strike is Declared Off.

Winnipeg, Man.—The strike of Canadian Pacific railroad mechanics which started August 4, was declared off Wednesday. The strike involved about 20,000 men. The terms of settlement have not been announced.

Will Not Take the Stump.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Loeb on Wednesday said that President Roosevelt had no intention at present of making a speaking tour in behalf of the Republican candidate for the presidency.