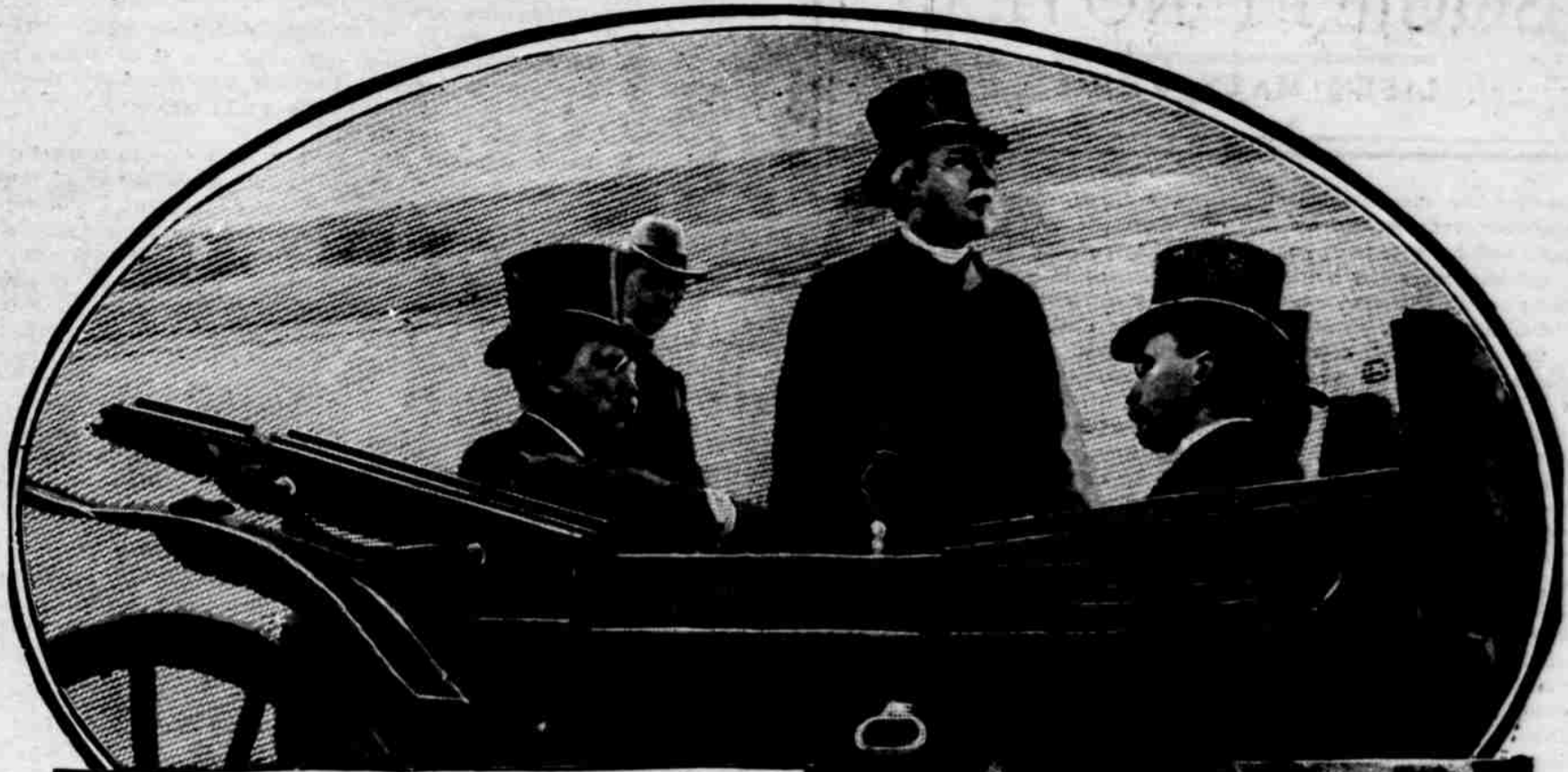


THE PRESIDENT'S TRIUMPHAL TOUR



According to present plans President Roosevelt's tour of the New England states is to be followed by a tour of the west and the southwest. This will make the greatest presidential trip in the history of the United States. Carriage rides are to be a distinct feature of the great tour, as they have been of the New England trip. The president believes in going among the people and does not look with favor upon receptions on the observation car platform of his special train. He will frequently, however, use the latter when the shortness of the stops necessitates it. He made more than one such speech during his just closed New England tour. The above snapshots show how the president appears when addressing his countrymen.

**Earrings Craze
Has Passed Away**

What struck him? Why simply a word—a strange word. That is why the small jeweler fainted. He was standing behind his counter innocently enough, waiting for the trade he expected prior to fair week. A stranger entered.

"What will you have?"
"Earrings."

And the jeweler lost consciousness. It was the first time he had heard the word in six months.

Boom days for earrings are in full buoyance in South Africa or other interior points, but not in the United States. Something has happened in the social world. It was a decree abominating this little item of female decoration.

The decadence of the ornament has not been rapid. It did not come like a

bullet. It has been gradual. Women are still wearing them, but they are growing fewer and fewer. The bobs themselves are growing smaller and smaller until now it is rarely possible to buy at any jeweler's one of the old style drops. The only ones sold now are the screw bobs. They are tiny bits of jewelry which look as if they were being grafted into the lobe of the ear. With a diamond sparkling in the center of it the giddy female who is somewhat behind the times thinks she is attracting the admiration of all spectators.

One or two jewelers who are bulling the market, perhaps, declare that in two years the jewel ear decorations will come back into fashion again. Why? Oh, because. There is no special reason. Things just do come back into fashion again after they have had a rest of a few months or years. Perhaps.

Women of experience disagree. They don't believe the girls of the future will ever wear earrings again. Whys and wherefores are numerous.

It is a rare woman who thinks much of her ears.

Unless her ears are of exceptionally good shape and appearance a woman does not care now-a-days to attract attention to them. If they are of good appearance they will draw enough attention by themselves without the aid of jewelry. But it isn't often that they are so overpoweringly attractive. See how the women dress their hair until the ear shows through only like some small cunning creature of distinctive life. They know that their admirers like the sight of it this way far better than if it were ballasted with jewelry.

Who likes to have a needle rammed through her ear?

No answer!

There is another reason for the decadence of the bob. Piercing the ear is a painful process, if not in actual pangs, at least in anticipation. Women know, if they are in a position to keep track of social usages, that earrings are in disfavor. Hence they will

not undergo even the pains of anticipation for the sake of an empty vanity.

Earrings catch in the pillows.

If ever a woman learned the art of blasphemy it was she who tried to sleep with her earrings on. No pillow is downy enough to make room, and to spare, for an ear and an earring. Many a time a woman has awakened her husband with strange howlings which he took for nightmare, but which in reality were due to her trying to turn with some prong or projection of the earring caught in the pillow. And the times are so busy now that no woman who uses the day for all its possibilities of duty and pleasure feels as if she had the time every evening and morning to bother at the task of removing and replacing her earrings.

And, last of all, society has been thinking. It has pondered well the stories of travelers who relate tales of the immense rings and bones African negroes delight to wear in ears and nose and lips. Since the habit is not even strikingly prevalent among American negroes why shouldn't supposedly civilized Anglo-Saxon society be superior?

It is.