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inquisitor for 'snapping' at members of the committee. 'You can insult witnesses but you can't insult the committee,' said Mr. Nelson hotly, addressing Mr. Brandeis. 'You can't insult him either,' interrupted the lawyer's fair feminine defender, whose identity was hidden behind a solid row of chantecler hats. Senator Nelson was too surprised to answer. So was Mr. Brandeis and thus peace and harmony was restored."

President Taft spoke at Passaic, N. J., before the board of trade and in a review of pending legislation he expressed the belief that the following measures will be enacted into law: Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico; postal savings banks; anti-injunction; the so-called vauding bill of the conservation measures; the publicity of campaign expenditures; the railroad bill.

Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the former ice trust magnate, stood for a long time at the main entrance of the house and the senate entreating senators and representatives to sign the petition asking the president to pardon her husband, who is now in the federal prison at Atlanta.

The senate adjourned out of respect for the late King Edward.

Attorney General Wickersham declined to send to the senate, in response to the resolution introduced by Mr. Smith of Carolina, information in connection with his investigation into the alleged pooling in cotton.

The senate has authorized an investigation, as proposed by Senator Stone, in order to determine whether the franking privilege has not been violated by republican senators who have circulated a pamphlet in defense of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

The statues of Pulaski and Kosciusko were unveiled at the national capital. Mr. Taft delivered the Pulaski, while Secretary Dickinson delivered the Kosciusko eulogy.

Mr. Taft is facing another serious complication among the members of his party. An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "President Taft is facing a new party complication. In his effort to obtain an appropriation of \$250,000 to enable the new tariff board to ascertain the difference in the cost of production here and abroad and thus lay the foundation for another tariff revision based on accurate and scientific information. It is said today that the president would have the opposition of Representatives Payne, Dal-

zell, Fordney and other high protectionists of the house. The insurgents are backing the president up in his demand for the appropriation and the promise of another revision which it carries as one of the brightest elements of hope in the coming congressional campaign. The insurgents are wondering today if in the event of opposition from Messrs. Payne, Dalzell and the others, their republicanism will be called into question by the 'powers that be.' The plan of the ultra-protectionists, it is said, is to rest their opposition on a point of order when the provision for the \$250,000 appropriation is reached in the sundry civil bill."

President Taft designated Theodore Roosevelt as special ambassador to represent the United States at King Edward's funeral. The following cablegrams were exchanged: "Washington, May 10, 1910.—Roosevelt, Care American Embassy, Berlin: I should be very glad if you would act as special ambassador to represent the United States at the funeral of King Edward VII. I am sure that the English people will be highly gratified at your presence in this capacity and that our people will strongly approve it. Have as yet received no official notice of the date of the funeral, but it is reported that it will take place on the 20th of this month. Please answer.—William H. Taft." "Berlin, May 10, 1910.—The President, Washington: "Accept.—Roosevelt."

Attorney General Wickersham has admitted that his summary of the Glavis charges which he prepared for the president and on which he latter was supposed to have based the letter exonerating Secretary Ballinger and dismissing Glavis, was prepared after the date it bore.

THE OUTGROWN ROOSEVELT

Correspondence to the New York World: What is the motive of the fuss that is to be made over Mr. Roosevelt's return to America? Evidently it is a Roosevelt boom for the presidency and a thumping rebuke to Mr. Taft. But Roosevelt himself is the cause of Taft; he fathered Taft as president upon a lukewarm and doubtful people; he knew Taft well from years of close cabinet association with him. Did he support Taft because he wanted a weak man in the presidency, so that the people should become dissatisfied and clamor for him (Roosevelt) again? If so, he was ignobly selfish, not caring what became of the country, and is utterly unfit to trust.

Had he been in earnest about having staunch, aggressive work carried on, would he not have backed a man like LaFollette, who would have surely done it?

The point that ought to be recognized, then, is that Mr. Taft has lived up to Roosevelt's desire, has been Roosevelt's ideal president, and that it is perdy for Mr. Roosevelt or his friends to go back on Taft. He chose a president whom he wanted to have flunk great things; that president has done so. What honor will there be in Roosevelt if he now comes forward to punish him for it and pose as the nation's savior from Taftian chaos?

In plain truth too Mr. Taft has been an averagely strong president; in some things weak, but in others clearer and more advanced than Roosevelt. Roosevelt bungled the question of trusts like a poor mechanic by his futile, untenable distinction between good and bad trusts. After that he can only grope; a sane policy is impossible. And he had no rational policy. He was already behind the times when he left the president's chair, and the

people themselves have outgrown him.

While he has been joyously slaughtering hundreds of animals that harmed no one, sating instincts on the bloody side of his mind, the people of this country, ground by the trusts, have been taking long strides in economic perception, and with their rapidly growing new point of view Roosevelt is out of sympathy. As president again he would be a clay idol. A mind of far more economic strength than his, a constructive not a mainly combative mind, is now needed.

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