

# Today

Yes, Mr. President. 10,000 Washingtons. Shooting the Editor. Ideas, Not Neckties. By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

If President Coolidge had time to travel through the country, and if the people would tell him what they really think, which they never do, he would realize that he has lost hundreds of thousands of personal friends, and hurt the republican party by allowing General Mitchell to be humiliated and demoted, to "save the face" of Mr. Weeks, who was put into the cabinet by influences with which President Coolidge is not well acquainted.

The president of course does not know the part played by the battleship builders and other big business, in building of cabinets.

He apparently does not realize that the people of this country are at least 98 per cent against Mr. Weeks and in favor of Brigadier General Mitchell in the aircraft controversy.

It is a disadvantage to be surrounded by individuals that bow and scrape and always say, "Yes, Mr. President."

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first president

of the first Chinese republic, is dead.

Many centuries will roll over his grave in old China, and still there will be no real republic in that land of conservatism, gentleness, misdirected scholarship.

You do not create a republic by changing governments, putting out one man, and putting in another, calling the new government "a republic." You must have people that want a republic, believe in equality, and know what a republic is.

Sun Yat Sen, called the George Washington of China, deserves praise, as a brave, sincere man.

But a thousand George Washingtons could not have made a republic of China. Washington had Cromwell back of him, and people of the Cromwell type to fight with him in New England. He fought with part of Cromwell's strength.

Jefferson and the others had back of them the men and ideas that swept out the French kings, and the encyclopaedists that cleared the ground for democratic government, by preparing men's minds.

Sun Yat Sen was brave and eloquent. When doctors of the Rockefeller Institution, reaching out into distant China, said he was dying of cancer, he said, "I know it." Sun Yat Sen performed the first major surgical operation ever seen in a Chinese hospital.

While he was building his republican movement, he was captured by a group of the emperor's soldiers. They were careful not to

harm him, for they wanted "the big reward" to be paid only if Sun Yat Sen was taken alive. For a dead Sun Yat Sen the reward would be smaller. The big reward was to pay for the pleasure of being able to torture him, according to the Chinese custom of a few years ago, before putting him to death. He argued with his captors, and they joined his revolutionary party.

Hugo Bettauer, who published a villainous immoral magazine in Vienna, is shot by Otto Rostock, who explains that he meant to kill the criminal publisher to "arouse the moral sentiment of Vienna," whose young people are degraded by such literature as Bettauer published.

There are in the United States a few publications that might be improved by some emphatic action, although we haven't things quite bad enough yet to call for the Otto Rostock remedy.

At Council Bluffs, Jasper McDonald, negro, 27 years old, pleads guilty to criminal assault, and within an hour is sentenced to life imprisonment. That is better than a lynching, because of the effect on public opinion, and respect for law. There is unfortunately the possibility of escape.

Why not sentence such criminals first of all to a surgical operation that would forever prevent repetition of the crime, and after that a reasonable sentence at hard labor. Such punishment might be a deterrent.

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## Roosevelt Given Much Publicity as Police Head

### T. R. Predicts Republican Victory for 1896; Gains Favor as New York Commissioner.

(As Roosevelt pursued his course of law enforcement while police commissioner of New York, the republican party leaders (Thomas C. Platt, chief) became more and more infuriated with him. Chauncey M. Depew was one of those who did not join in the criticism. Depew was high in the party, having refused an election as United States senator in 1892, although years later he became senator (1899-1911). The free silver movement, which resulted eventually in the first nomination of William J. Bryan for president, came to the forefront in 1894 and 1895, and was the chief topic of discussion in national politics, as Roosevelt's letters to Lodge show. Bryan was still comparatively unknown in 1895, and there was still talk of Cleveland's being renominated by the Democrats, though he was then serving his second term.)

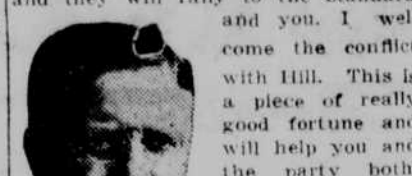
London, July 24, 1895.

Dear Theodore:

Today comes your letter which it was so good of you to write in the midst of your press of work that I, who am only amusing myself, feel swollen with a sense of my shortcomings. My dear boy, you can never be egotistic to me. I wanted to hear about you and your work and Edith and the children more than anything else.

You are perfectly right in your po-

sition. I am as clear on that point as ever. How can Clarkson be so foolish? Platt, of course, thinks you are going to wreck the party and squirm. On the other hand Depew, whom I saw, said you were doing capitally. He stands for a certain class of opinion. You are not going to wreck the party. You are right and they will rally to the standard and you, I welcome the conflict with Hill. This is a piece of really good fortune and will help you and the party both. Once more in my opinion you are doing right, and wisely and splendidly and building up a reputation leadership from which I expect great fruits.



I am more than ever impressed with the vast difference between the Englishman who has traveled and fought abroad and those who have not. Many of the latter are apt to be insular and self-absorbed and stiff as a rule, while the former are almost agreeable and well willed.

Bammie is looking and is remarkably well. Everyone knows Bammie and she and Captain Cowles seem to do all that is done. We had a glimpse of Douglas and Corinne\*\* but they went off to the country at once as Corinne was really feeling wretched. If you are wearied out with these small details of society, turn it over to Edith. She and I love letters and have other weak tastes in common, and this is all written as much for her as for you.

Best love to Edith and the chicks. Do write when you get a chance. The thing that has most impressed me here is the growth of the United States—you feel it here better than at

home—and oh, how glad I am to be an American! How much better—and then we are so much more interesting and amusing as a people. I have been watching the elections, been to the polling places in London, and have collected a lot of material for an article which will make our Anglo-Americans sit up.

Yours,

H. C. L.

stand by you and behind you because you are enforcing that particular law. This may be a narrow view, but it is of the greatest political importance. Ever yours,

H. C. L.

Bammie is coming home with us November 16, which is delightful. Godkin I hear is in London, which may account for the improved attitude of the Post.\*

\*New York Evening Post, edited by E. L. Godkin.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK August 8, 1895.

Hon. H. C. Lodge,

Care of J. S. Morgan & Co., bankers, London, England.

Dear Cabot:

I am going to write an article on the republican side of the silver issue of the next presidential campaign for the November Century. Your beloved fellow patriot, Governor Russell, is to

take the democratic side. I should have preferred a somewhat worthier opponent; but I was glad to have a chance of making my own party position clear. Anyhow my article on Tom Reed will come out in the December Forum too. I am very fortunate in the fact that at present almost all of the men who attack me are democrats; and though I am administering this law in an absolutely nonpartisan way, yet the republicans appreciate that I am their most effective champion; and my support among the republicans (and decent people generally) is very strong but there is a very serious defection from us among the Germans.

Edith, of course, persists in regarding me as a frail invalid needing constant attention; and when I spend a night or two in town she sometimes comes in and spends with me. In one way, however, I think this does her good because she gets away from the children, and usually spends a quiet day in the society library.

I have just had a beautiful time at the Catholic total abstinence silver jubilee. A democratic state senator named O'Sullivan dragged politics into the affair and attacked Meyer Strong and myself. I followed and went for him red-handed, and never in my life did I receive such an ovation.

Edith has great fun driving the two ponies, which are in fine feather and she and her sister are soon to begin riding. I have not had my leg across a horse since I last rode "Gladstone."

\*\* I guess my riding and shooting days are pretty well over. Indeed for the last three months about all of my time has been taken up with the police department; but I find it very interesting.

Best love to Nannie.

Always yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Governor Russell of Massachusetts. \*A number of mine—H. C. L.

London, August 10, 1895.

Dear Theodore:

If the republicans were to declare

for free silver, Cleveland would have standing, but they won't and he will be nowhere. I think him the weakest man that can be put up. We should beat him to death on the third term issue and need make no other point. The sentiment of the country is against third terms and sentiments cannot be reasoned with. They will not nominate Cleveland. I wish they would.

Now as to the general situation. The democrats will either declare for free silver or they will not. If they do, we will beat them surely on a sharp fight and beat them badly on that issue. If they do not and I do not think they will stand on the same ground as ourselves on silver then we will whip the life out of them on the tariff, foreign policy and general incompetency.

The situation seems to me very clear and I see no escape from it unless we blunder beyond belief in congress or there should be another frightful panic to upset everything.

I am more proud than I can say of the magnificent fight you have made and the brilliant work you have done and are doing. You have forged to the front tremendously in a very short time.

Yours ever,

H. C. L.

New York, August 22, 1895.

Dear Cabot:

Last Sunday I spent in town with Jacob this driving and walking about for nine hours to see for ourselves, exactly how the excise law was enforced. I had no idea how complete our success was, not 4 per cent of the saloons were open and these were doing business with the greatest secrecy and to a most limited extent.

We have really won a great triumph so far; of course we cannot let up on the strain at all.

I have now begun to think that we ought not to have the saloons open on Sundays and that all we need in the way of changing the law is to alter certain of its provisions so as to make it easier to enforce. But publicly I have resolutely declined to take any position except to say that I stood squarely on the plank of honestly enforcing the law. The World and Journal nearly have epilepsy over me; there are very few crimes which they do not accuse me of committing; and they are united in portraying me as spending my Sundays drinking heavily in the Union League club.

Best love to Nannie.

Yours always,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

P. S. Anecdote for Nannie: Ted (who now begins to ride and swim quite decently and to shoot a Flobert rifle) the other day looked meditatively at his scarred little bare legs and remarked "How much browner and harder my legs are than other parts of me—my stomach for instance."

(To Be Continued.)

Mrs. Jane Talman Dies

at Son's Home in Fresno

Beatrice, March 13.—Announcement has been received here of the death of Mrs. Jane Talman, formerly a resident of Rockford, at the home of her son, Ray, at Fresno, Cal., as the result of a fall a few weeks ago in which she sustained a broken hip. She was 84 years of age. Burial was at Fresno.



# The World Loves a Leader

THE first woman governor—Mrs. Nellie T. Ross, governor of Wyoming, whose election was remarkable in that she was elected to office after the death of her husband, the late governor of Wyoming. It only goes to prove that "the world loves a leader."

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Advertisement for Quaker Bread, featuring a loaf of bread and the text "TRY Quaker Bread".

Large advertisement for Sun-Ray Pancake Flour, featuring a stack of pancakes and the text "GUARANTEED 50% Lighter Than Old-Time Pancakes this new ALL-WHEAT breakfast joy 3 Minutes to Make—One-Half the Time of Toast!"