

# HARVARD COLLEGE WON'T ACCEPT IT

## President Eliot Decries the Carnegie-Roosevelt Pho- netic Spelling.

### ENGLISH PRESS SCORES

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Harbor, Me., Aug. 23.—Harvard will not stand for the Carnegie-Roosevelt innovation, according to President Eliot, who is stopping here. Eliot says the new style of spelling does not in the least appeal to him. "I suppose that Mr. Roosevelt has a right to write his messages in any style of orthography to which he may incline," he remarked, "but I think it will be a long time before such a style as that proposed becomes very popular or takes a great hold upon the public."

London, Aug. 27.—It is somewhat startling to find in the English press such epithets as "anarchist" applied to the president of the United States in place of the unbridled eulogy where-with he has been lauded in the past two years. Every newspaper in London turns its heaviest editorial guns today upon poor Roosevelt, and all because he has ventured to touch with his profane pen that most sacred of Anglo-Saxon possessions, the English language.

The Pall Mall Gazette in its terrible denunciation says: "The sort of man who so interferes with the standard rules of grammar and spelling as to worry more than his immediate circle of friends and relations is an anarchist."

The Evening News repudiates what it calls the American language entirely and gives President Roosevelt carte blanche in making a tongue "as little like Anglo-Saxon as is volapuk or esperanto."

"We quite see the justice of the contention that the declaration of independence should apply to the constitution and language as well as the states. Americans are Americans, and they have as perfect a right to do what they like with the words they use as they have to manipulate the stock market according to their inclinations."

The Star remarks of Roosevelt that anteed brand of canned beef to the world this tireless innovator is engaged in popularizing a new brand of canned spelling."

#### "How Dares This Fellow."

The Evening Standard loses its temper completely. "How dares this Roosevelt fellow," it asks, "who is temporarily president of an amiable republic, presume to dictate to us how to spell a language which was ours while America still was a savage and undiscovered country? If Roosevelt likes to meddle with spelling, well and good, so long as it is clearly understood that it is merely an American language he is creating. When it comes to sentiment about an Anglo-Saxon hegemony to bolster up an assault on the English language is our own. We love it and we shall write it as it is proper."

"We have no desire to belittle American achievements, and we even are content to admit that Walt Whitman wrote poetry. If that will smooth matters," says the Globe, "but we must venture to point out that in literature the United States of America still remains a province of England."

The writer points out that Roosevelt hasn't the necessary authorities for even the comparatively moderate changes he proposes, and he is in danger of making a dialect instead of reforming a language. The editor remarks in disgust that the changes are mere barbarisms and "thorough" and "thorough" and "nothing less than literary emetics and puns."

#### A Sarcastic Comment.

The Leader, under the head, "In Yankee-Panky," concludes: "We really think Ruzvelt and his friends might save our own language. They have not left us much else. In sum instances it may be puzzling, especially to foriners and the immature schoolboy, but its orthography has certain historical value and we do not like to part with it. Of korse if Ruzvelt, backed up by Karnegi, sez we hav got to reform our spelling, we shall have to and that will be the end of it, for Karnegi has awl the dollers and Ruzvelt has awl the branes, but awl the same it will be dash hard lines."

Another paper, discussing the future, prints a letter from an "Independent," dated London, August 25, 1922, beginning: "It will possibly have escaped the notice of your readers that today is the anniversary of Roosevelt's false spelling reform. On this day, just a month ago, that grate man, who had acted as peacemaker between Ruser and Japan, who had fowled the senate, stamp on the trusts, sat at tabul with culleder sitizens, and was expecting a third term of offis as president, started to tutch up the English languidage. How he got the idea history does not say.

"Perhaps he was jellus of Julius Sezur, who left his mark on the kalendar. Perhaps he argued that what a benited pagan of shady ancestry had done he cud do. Possibly Karnegi, who was something of a philanthropist at the time, had aroused him. Any way he set out with an independence of spirit which did him credit.

"Wot was gud enuf in the time of Shaksper, and Milton was not gud enuf for him and the enlightened people, said he. So he put off his cote and set to. He began with 300 words, a sort of dropping of gud sede. Today, having ust the plow, we are blest with a new languidage some thirty fold, some sixty fold, some like the Amerikans altogether."

#### Carnegie Is Pleased.

Andrew Carnegie telegraphed to a London paper: "I am delighted but not surprised at the president's action, which is just like him. He is a man of progress, wise to see and bold to adopt improved methods. You ask whether Britain should follow his example? You have the answer in Professor Skeat's recent address to the British academy and in the views of the editor of the Oxford dictionary, two of the leading authorities. The educationalists who have this matter in charge in America are not revolutionists, but evolutionists.

"Recognizing that the English language is a growy thing, we should not rest until it is as nearly phonetic as Italian. When that day comes its spread over the world will be rapid. Indeed, the only

bar to its becoming the universal language is its irregular spelling. Personally, I think the more the governments of the two branches of the English-speaking race co-operate the better it will be for the race and the world. The public documents should conform to the same standard.

#### Dictionary Editors for It.

New York, Aug. 27.—The simplified spelling board today announced that two distinguished British scholars had accepted membership in order to testify their sympathy with the new movement to improve English orthography. They are Dr. J. A. H. Murray, senior editor of the great Oxford dictionary of the English language, and Professor Wright, editor of the English dialect dictionary.

The board now contains the editors of the three chief English dictionaries and the three chief American dictionaries; Webster, Century and Standard.

## WIRELESS ELECTRICAL ENERGY FOR AIRSHIP

### Flying Machine Attracting Attention of Assembled American and Canadian Scientists.

Brantford, Ont., Aug. 29.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's wireless airplane is attracting the attention of Canadian and American scientists assembled here. A preliminary test was had yesterday, and Captain Angemeier, a Chicago navigator, succeeded in rising to a height of 200 feet and turning a complete circle, alighting safely a few feet from the starting point.

Bell's flying machine is operated by wireless electrical energy supplied from the earth. Next Tuesday a flight from London to Toronto will be attempted.

New York, Aug. 27.—Dr. Julian P. Thomas, the amateur aeronaut, who with his brother, Jefferson Davis Thomas, of Augusta, Ga., made a balloon ascension here Saturday evening, returned to his residence in Seventy-second street last night after having been in the air for nearly twenty-four hours and had passed through two states and reaching an altitude of about 15,000 feet. His voyage ended yesterday afternoon in Oakdale, Sullivan county, this state, in relation to his experiences. Dr. Thomas said:

"During this trip the propeller, which was carried for the first time, worked nicely. I found that we were able to go either to the left or right, and, in fact, turn the balloon completely around."

## TO BE DEPORTED.

### Close Friend of Grand Opera Stars Doomed to Blindness and Failure of Ambitious Hopes.

New York, Aug. 29.—Doomed to blindness and to the failure of all the hopes of his ambitious career, Felix Vichi, promoter of the Metropolitan opera house and close friend and companion of the most famous grand opera stars of the present day, has been ordered deported from this country to Italy by the United States department of immigration.

Though he himself denies it and protests bitterly against the exile, the federal authorities declare that Vichi, a rachoma—that dread disease of the eyes which is so seldom cured that medical men pronounce the doom of blindness upon its victims and so contagious that the United States is taking drastic action to prevent the entrance of a single case into the country.

## COMBINE VS. COMBINE.

### Western Glucose Company Organized in Opposition to the Corn Products Company.

New York, Aug. 29.—Western men have incorporated in Maine the first rival of the 7-months-old Corn Products combination. It is called the Western Glucose company, will have \$2,400,000 capital (\$1,000,000 of it 7 per cent preferred stock) and has acquired twenty acres of land at Robey, Ind., on which to construct a plant with a capacity of 19,000 bushels of corn per day.

In the Corn Products combination there are the New York Glucose company, Warner Sugar Refining company, St. Louis Glucose company, Cereal Sugar company, Corn Products company and National Starch company, with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000,000 and a total capacity of 235,000 bushels daily.

## LOOKS FOR REPRIEVE.

### Mrs. Myers, Convicted of Murdering Her Husband, Sure She Will Not Hang September 3.

Liberty, Mo., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Agnes Myers, under sentence to be executed September 3, for the murder of her husband, in her cell at the jail this morning expressed confidence that her attorneys, who are at Jefferson City, would be successful in securing a further reprieve from Governor Folk.

Kansas City, Aug. 27.—Governor Folk at Jefferson City today granted a reprieve till October 26 to Mrs. Agnes Myers, now in jail at Liberty awaiting execution for the murder of her husband.

No action was taken up to noon in the case of Frank Hottman, Mrs. Myers' accomplice. Both were previously sentenced to be hanged September 3. Governor Folk granted the respite so that the woman's attorneys might appear to the United States supreme court.

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## FAMILY FAME.

### The Bryan Jennings Combination Wakes Up the Jennings.

Salem, Ill., Aug. 29.—At the reunion of the William Jennings Bryan branch of the Jennings family, held at Rainey's lake in this city yesterday, more than 200 of the relatives were present. Addresses were made by Judge S. L. Dwight, of Centralia; Colonel George A. Jennings, of Patoka; Dr. Dwight Jennings, of St. Louis; C. E. Jennings, of this city, and others.

A letter was read from William J. Bryan giving his reasons for being absent. The Jennings relationship in this county includes the Dwights, Marshalls, Davidsons, Carrigans, Baldridges, Baltzells, Davenportes, Hauslers, Nolemans, Bryans and many others.

## KILLED AT HIS POST.

### Night Operator on Michigan Central Shot at Galien, Mich.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 29.—Lloyd Gynes, of Windsor, Ont., night operator on the Michigan Central railroad at Galien, Mich., was found dead at his post early today. Gynes apparently had been murdered, being shot through the eye and breast. The motive is not known.

## LIAR LIARSKI SHOT TO DEATH

### Acting Governor General of Warsaw Killed While Driving Streets of Provincial Capital.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—An unconfirmed report reached here this afternoon that Colonel Liarski, of the Semenovskiy guard regiment, had been assassinated at Luga.

Warsaw, Aug. 29.—General Von Liarski, acting military governor general of Warsaw, was shot and killed this afternoon while driving in a cab. The assassin escaped.

General Von Liarski was commander of the Fifth army corps, stationed at Warsaw.

This morning an unknown man warned the cabmen of this city, generally, not to drive any generals.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—An unsuccessful attempt upon the life of Baron Stahl was reported to have been made in the park at Peterhof last night, but the story is denied. A number of arrests, however, were made in the park during the evening. Stahl bears some resemblance to General Trepoff, commander of the palace.

## REVIVE DICTATORSHIP SPECTER.

### Assassinations Produce Feeling of Resentment, but Press Commends.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—The open campaign against the government which the social revolutionists inaugurated with the attempt on the life of Premier Stolypin Saturday and the assassination of General Min yesterday, has produced such a feeling of resentment at Peterhof that the spectre of dictatorship has been revived.

The government, it is claimed, can only rely on force to fight the terrorists, as the public press which might be expected to manifest a revulsion of feeling against the crime which sacrificed the lives of a score of innocent persons in an attempt to murder a man who personally had not given them cause for offense remains coldly indifferent. Indeed, while expressing formal words of condemnation the hidden satisfaction in the fact that the object of the campaign is to strike terror into the heart of the government is hardly concealed.

Only the Novoe-Vremya and the official Riokla denounce the terrorists as enemies of society. The conclusions of the liberal press are summed up in the charge made by Rech that the government alone is guilty and responsible for what has happened.

The police have made hundreds of arrests since Saturday in an attempt to get their hands upon the organizer and participants in what is evidently a powerful and far-reaching conspiracy, but thus far they have been unable to secure the threads necessary to enable them to unravel the crime. All that has been definitely established is that two of the men who sacrificed their lives in the attempt on the premier arrived here August 23 from Moscow, where the organization is supposed to have its headquarters, accompanied by two women. They rented an apartment on Morskaya street, one woman passing as the wife of one man, and the other as a servant.

The coachman who was killed was not in the plot. According to some reports, the woman who passed as the wife of one of the conspirators secured admission to Stolypin's residence and was among those killed. The police are inclined to believe the woman who killed General Min was the "servant," but her identity is not possible.

A policeman and two gendarmes and a conductor were killed on a train by a band of several revolutionists near Tamboff yesterday.

The police today captured a depot of twenty-four bombs.

## HEIR TO MILLIONS IN RANKS OF LABOR

### Son of President of Rock Island Rail- way to Work in Locomotive Shops.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Another recruit has joined the ranks of the millionaires' sons who have donned overalls to work as laborers or apprentices in the trades. His name is B. L. Winchell, jr., and he is the son of the president of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and Great Rock Island systems, and a graduate of Yale university.

This young collegian, who is recovering from an illness contracted while working in Texas as a rodmann in a surveying camp, will leave in a few weeks for Philadelphia, where he will become an apprentice at the Baldwin Locomotive works.

Here are a few of the reasons assigned by young Winchell for his decision to become a practical machinist: "I want to be as good a railroad man as dad.

"A man who never in his life is compelled to work hard is no good.

"A man who can build an engine is more good to the world than the fellow who can sail a yacht."

## TENTACLES OF OCTOPUS AFTER A NEW INDUSTRY

### Standard Oil Company Would Engage in the Manufacture of Denatured Alcohol.

Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 29.—The Terre Haute distillers returned today from Chicago, where the monthly meeting of both trust and independent distillers was held. It is stated by local owners of distilleries that attorneys for the Standard Oil company have approached the distillers asking them if they would entertain a proposition to buy their plants. Practically all replied in the affirmative. It is the opinion of distillers here that the Standard made overtures with the probable intention of engaging largely in the manufacture of denatured alcohol.

## LIQUOR QUESTION A SERIOUS ONE

### Oklahoma Prohibitionists Must Do Battle With the Brewers and Distillers.

Tulsa, I. T., Aug. 29.—The most serious proposition confronting the political parties of Indian Territory is the proposition clause under which Oklahoma and Indian Territory were admitted into the union. The bill provided that Indian Territory should be excluded from selling any kind of intoxicating liquors for a period of twenty-one years.

Already a big fight has commenced between the brewers and the prohibition party. The prohibition parties of Oklahoma and Indian Territory have co-operated and will fight as a unit against the saloon elements.

## HOPE OF PEACE IN CUBAN ISLE

### Government Fails to Take Of- fense and Hesitates to Strike Promised Blow.

## LITTLE ACTUAL FIGHTING

### Thirty-Day Amnesty Is Talked Of, and Insurgents Who Surrender Their Arms Will Be Pardoned.

Havana, Aug. 27.—A striking feature of the situation today was the announcement that the government will unconditionally pardon all those who have taken up arms against the government, excepting the captured commanders, and these also will be pardoned if they will surrender with their full command and arms. This order was issued by the acting secretary of the interior by direction of President Palma.

Havana, Aug. 29.—At the moment yesterday when the government was issuing its proclamation offering pardon to rebels who would lay down their arms its forces were dealing the most telling blow that has yet been struck against the insurgents in the field.

For several days it has been stated that General Guzman's force of insurgents, which was variously estimated at from 200 upwards, contemplated an attack on Cienfuegos. Colonel Valla, with a detachment of rural guards and volunteers, was dispatched to Cienfuegos for the purpose of engaging

A considerable number of insurgents are known to be returning quietly to their homes in the province of Havana and in the eastern part of the province of Pinar del Rio. In the latter province the situation remains unchanged.

Guerra knows nothing of the Montalvo order, and if he did it is altogether unlikely that it would affect his course materially. At the present there is every reason for expecting that Guerra will hold out for some time to come. The district in which he is operating is inhabited by liberals, who are practically all tentative, if not active, sympathizers with the insurrection. Then, too, Guerra has wild fancies to which he retires nightly, and from which it would be impossible to rout him. A favorable feature of the situation in Pinar del Rio is that Guerra will not fight if he can help it. He intends, he says, to remain out indefinitely in protest against the subservience of the Palma administration.

Havana, Aug. 29.—News from the somewhat uncertain shifting front are meager today, due, in a measure, to the government's determination that false reports from insurgent sources shall not be generally circulated. It is expected that a battle in the vicinity of Pinar del Rio is yet to be fought. The failure of the government forces to take offense against the insurgent leader, Guerra, and the latter's hesitancy in striking the promised blow encourage the hope that peace may be secured without great bloodshed.

It is hinted in some quarters that the insurgents do not seriously contemplate the overthrow of the government and would be satisfied if, by making a show of force, they could frighten or persuade Palma to restore certain deposed liberals to office, and make concessions as to the conduct of future elections.

Claims and counter claims are frequent, but there is comparatively little actual fighting. At the palace little is given out. The enrollment of volunteers continues and horses are to be requisitioned for the army and nurses will be sent to the field.

There is talk of a thirty days' amnesty in which the insurgents who surrender their arms would be pardoned, but if the government intends such a move its purpose is not admitted.

Skirmishes between small bands continue.

President Palma today gave out a statement in which he says the insurrection has no ideals, no program, and

that the cries which the insurgents have raised do not constitute a program. Ideals or justification for the movement. Continuing, the president says that he is not disposed to employ any other method than that of arms for the re-establishment of peace. He declared energetically that the government at here would absolutely never compromise with any form of disturbers' order.

### Must Be No Compromise.

The government, as legitimately constituted, was bound by its imperious duty and must demonstrate that it is stable and able to safeguard property, life and happiness at the present and in the future. Any compromise would sow the seed of armed revolution throughout the country where malcontents were always existent, it being impossible to find public positions for everyone. To compromise with the disturbers now would result in further disturbances every few years. Suppressing the insurgents now will forevermore guarantee the stability of Cuban institutions, while dicker with them would expose the country to another disturbance of peace in the near future.

"This is my first resolution," President Palma declared, "and I shall maintain it at the cost of my life. I understand my duties and responsibilities to the people. Such is the only method of defending Cuba's institutions and civilization."

Palma referred to his own sacrifices of long years in the field, imprisonment and services while a member of the junta and said:

"Poor I returned to my country as president and poor shall I return to private life. I shall, however, have a clear record and a good name. I am disposed to exhaust my forces and shed my blood, if necessary, in helping to strengthen the foundations of our prosperous republic."

## POTATO FAMINE IN ERIN'S ISLE

### Blight in "Murphy" Crop Is Serious and Widespread, and All Depends on Weather.

London, Aug. 2.—The Manchester Guardian's Dublin correspondent confirms the report of potato blight in western Ireland. There is no doubt that its ravages are serious and widespread.

The blight was first noticed in the Moycullen district, and in Galway. The disease has struck the crop everywhere during the severe rains of the last fortnight. It is too soon yet to talk of famine, but everything will now depend on the weather of the next few weeks.

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Mount Joy, Pa.—Christian M. Martin and his son, Allen K. Martin, have held the office of justice of the peace in Mount Joy uninterruptedly for more than a half century. The elder Martin was first elected justice in 1854, and held the office up to the time of his death in 1885, when his son succeeded him.

New Haven, Conn.—Alarmed at the drop in the number of male births in Berlin, this state, J. E. Beale, editor of the Berlin News, has come out with a generous offer. Until further notice the News offers a free yearly subscription to the parents of boy babies in the town of Berlin.

Paris—A bundle of portraits of William Jennings Bryan have gone astray, and inquiries are being made for them at various embassies and hotels. These inquiries so far have been fruitless. Bryan had the photographs, which were large ones, taken while he was in London.

Hollidaysburg, Pa.—While driving near Everett, H. F. Evans was attacked by a swarm of bees and stung into insensibility. The bees settled on the horse Mr. Evans was driving. He attempted to rout them, and was badly stung that he lost consciousness.

New York, N. Y.—A French sailor named Tehani kicked a camera to pieces when charged 25 cents for a tintype. The magistrate fined him \$10, but upon being induced to look at the picture exclaimed: "By heavens! You were justified. Prisoner discharged."

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—A pitiful scene was witnessed at the United Charities rooms here this morning, when Mrs. Bessie Hughes, who had walked nine miles, from Wyoming, carrying her dead baby in her arms, arrived and asked the association to bury it.

Toronto—For hugging and kissing the young daughter of A. T. Severance, who lives at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, one of the most prominent surgeons of Montreal was roughly handled by the young woman's father and was sentenced to serve seven days in prison.

Vineland, N. J.—A wonderful cure by electricity was effected when the house of Angelo Andriola was struck by lightning, which tore out the four corners of the building. Mrs. Andriola, who had been seriously ill for a month, found herself well after the storm.

Elkhart, Ind.—While excavating for a street extension in J. R. Devor's property which has been condemned, a bomb was encountered. Devor, who has opposed the road extension, says he has buried many bombs. The workmen have laid down their tools.

Trenton, N. J.—George Kurtz, a mason, was speechless for eight months from a cold he caught when the cornerstone of the new prison wing was laid here. Before that time Kurtz had a voice like an auctioneer and he used to sing merrily as he laid stones.

Stuebenville, O.—Two cats, owned by Hiram Jennings, went into mourning following the death of their master. Jennings was found dead in an oat field, and fuses to call and spell the night wailing most pathetically in the back yard.

Lockport, N. Y.—Because of the damage done by drought to crops, especially in the Niagara fruit belt, prayers for rain were offered in every church in Niagara county. Rain followed, and the farmers and fruit-growers are happy.

Worcester, Mass.—Alleging that her husband gave her only 10 cents a day, on which sum she was unable to maintain her social standing, Della Kimbale, who three years ago eloped with her husband, both being then only 17, today began suit for divorce.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—E. Groux, an old watchmaker of this city, sent notice to the newspapers announcing the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage and said that present-day love will be appreciated by his wife and himself.

Vincennes, Ind.—The dying wish of Edward C. Frazo, saloonist, was that a brass band head his funeral and one was engaged.

Washington, D. C.—The navy department has been informed by cable that the floating dry dock Dewey was utilized at Olongapo, Manila bay, for the first time when the army transport Meade was docked there.

## CUBAN INSURGENT LEADER IMPRISONED AT HAVANA



Gen. Jose Miquel Gomez

Guzman and breaking up the band. The encounter of the two forces resulted in the worst disaster which the insurgents have sustained up to this time. They lost seventeen men killed and many wounded, while the loss to the government force was one man killed.

The government is without further particulars of the fight. That the insurrection is in a shaken condition seems to be a fact, although the end may not be as near as members of the government profess to believe. Ex-Congressman Faustino (Pino) Guerra, the insurgent leader operating in the province of Pinar del Rio, in a signed statement telegraphed to the Associated Press declaring that he is as determined as ever that the last presidential election shall be annulled before there can be peace in Cuba. That Guerra's force of 2,000 men is well armed and supplied with ammunition and food is amply certified. Their greatest drawback now is the lack of money, but the people of the western part of Pinar del Rio are furnishing them with all the supplies needed, taking in return the order orders on the "Cuban government" and in many cases refusing to accept any consideration.

### Its Legality in Doubt.

The government's offer of amnesty, which was issued yesterday afternoon, is variously received. It is impossible to say what its effect will be upon those to whom it is addressed. Alfredo Zayas, president of the senate and leader of the liberal party, stated that he was unable to express any opinion as to whether the insurgents would grasp the opportunity offered them of surrendering, but said in his opinion as a lawyer Secretary Montalvo would issue such an order, for the constitution provides that only the president may issue such a proclamation, which must be countersigned by some member of the cabinet.

Secretary Montalvo, on the contrary, stated to the Associated Press that the offer of clemency was issued by the direct order of President Palma and also gazetted officially. The secretary added that the document was in reality an order of the secretary of the interior, issued by direction of the president, to General Rodriguez commander of the rural guards.

The foreign element, including many Americans, criticize the offer of amnesty as a weak and disappointing action, exposing a desire for peace at any price and willingness to sacrifice the possibility of future security to a political expediency.

Secretary Montalvo's order does not provide for the relief of alleged conspirators who are now in jail in Havana, and the question has arisen as to what shall be done with them.

## NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS

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