

# TAFT IS SATISFIED

HOLDS HE HAS ROOSEVELT SURELY BEATEN.

## TEDDY WOULD WRECK PARTY

President Issues a Statement of Attack and of Congratulation to the People.

Cincinnati, O.—In a most bitter and scathing denunciation of Col. Roosevelt, President Taft Sunday night declared that "The certainty of his defeat for the republican nomination must be a source of profound congratulations to all patriotic citizens," and asserted that his predecessor in the White House would wreck the republican party if he were not chosen by the republican national convention and compared Mr. Roosevelt to Louis XIV of France, who said, "The state, I am it."

The attack was in the form of a statement. In it President Taft said in part:

"On Thursday last I gave a statement to the press in which I said that with 129 Taft delegates then elected to the convention, and with the immediate prospect of the election of enough to exceed the necessary 549, the success of the cause of constitutional government seemed assured. The delegates elected since that time have confirmed this conclusion.

"Mr. Roosevelt's speech at Cleveland shows him in such a light that the certainty of his defeat for the republican nomination must be a source of profound congratulation to all patriotic citizens who can now see the utter wreck he would have made of the party if nominated, and the great danger to which the country would have been exposed had there been any chance of his election to a third term.

"Mr. Roosevelt says that he is in the republican party and if the republican national committee in passing on the credentials of delegates for the preliminary roll in the convention shall hold to be unfounded his many flimsy contentions he will decline to abide by the judgment of those having authority. The inference from this is that he will bolt the convention because a duly constituted republican national committee shall, after a judicial investigation, refuse to seat his contesting delegates. If his edict is to be heeded, then the holding of any convention at all is perfunctory and superfluous.

"The arrogance of his statement that he is the republican party and that failure to comply with his views and wishes puts those doing so in the attitude of bootlers, finds no parallel in history save in the famous words of Louis XIV, 'The state, I am it.'"

**Farmers of Six States Organize.**  
Minneapolis.—At a meeting here of the secretaries of Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois and Iowa, plans were completed for the formation of a compact organization to embrace 150,000 farmers.

**Strike Order Not Issued.**  
Chicago.—A general strike order, which was expected to be issued by officials of the International Brotherhood of Railway Freight Handlers, was not put forth. Whether a general strike will be called next week is problematical.

**Miners Return to Work.**  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—By a vote of 225 to 64 anthracite mine workers in convention ratified the agreement entered into by their subcommittee with the coal operators and ordered the 170,000 men and boys employed in and about the mines to return to work.

**Lands Near Heart of City.**  
Chicago.—F. T. Fish, an aviator, was arrested for landing his machine in Grant park, near the heart of the city. An ordinance prohibits the landing of an airplane, balloon or other air craft in any park or highway without a permit.

**Tuberculosis Serum Found.**  
Chicago.—A paper prepared by Dr. Karl von Stuck of Asheville, N. C., and read before the Chicago Medical society, he announced that he had discovered a serum, which he believes gives immunity from tuberculosis.

**Horse on the Governor.**  
North Adams, Mass.—By an error Governor Pons appointed an associate medical examiner of this district Dr. Homer Bushnell, who has been dead three years.

**A Well Planned Plot.**  
Cambridge, Mass.—To carry out a plot against the sophomores, Beatrice Van Slyke, Wellesley class president, was called into a drygoods box and shipped as freight.

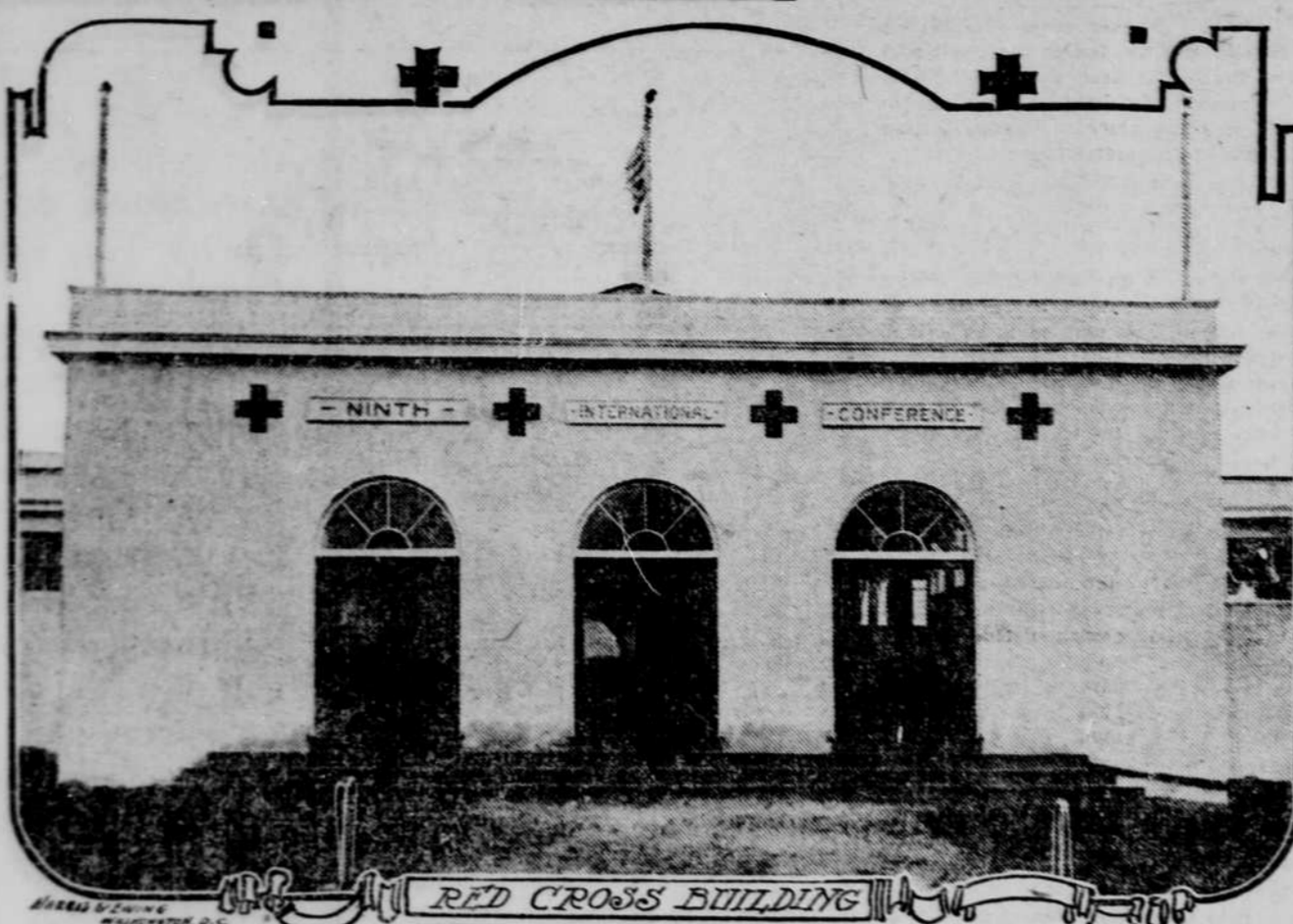
**Two Men Accused of Murder.**  
Rapid City, S. D.—The grand jury returned indictments against F. M. Gage and Henry Andrews, charged them with the murder of Bert Morrison in November, 1911. Morrison's remains were found in a burned claim shack, near Canyon Lake.

**Love's Labor Lost.**  
New York.—Mrs. J. T. Martin, wife of a broker, found her "lost" gold cigarette case in the folds of her gown, after the police had searched for it two hours.

**Many Students Suspended.**  
Emporia, Kas.—Fifty-three young men students of the Kansas state normal school here were suspended for ten days by order of the regents. The students have signed a circular making charges against the president, J. H. Hill.

**Face Powder Told Tale.**  
New York.—Mrs. Libby Strenowitz identified a handbag which she accused Rebecca Kline of stealing, by the odor of her favorite face powder which still clung to it.

## WHERE APPLIANCES OF MERCY ARE EXHIBITED



DURING the International Red Cross conference in Washington there was given a remarkable exhibition of articles used in the work of the organization. It was in the new building of the American Red Cross. Many of these exhibits were entered in competition for \$9,000 in prizes, the income of a fund donated by the Empress Marie Feodorovna of Russia.

## USE GAS IN SPORTS

Too Frequent "Jags" From Oxygen Dangerous.

Proposition of Sir Edwin Ray Lankester Denounced as Unsportsmanlike and Unscientific—Will Shorten Life.

London.—The lay press reports that Sir Edwin Ray Lankester has inquired if the Swedish authorities, who will have charge of the coming Olympic games, will permit a Marathon competitor to carry an oxygen tank or bag and take from it an occasional whiff during that cruel and grueling twenty-five odd miles that must be run by those who would be in at the finish. The competitors, he observes, will presumably be allowed to consume refreshments while racing. "It would be extremely interesting to see whether such breathing is of material assistance to the runner, and as oxygen gas is not a drug, but as natural an article of consumption as water, there seems to be no reason why the runner should be disqualified for refreshing himself with it, as he may with soup or water."

Stimulating drugs are, of course, rightly barred from any athletic contest worthy the name, the Scientific American remarks. Oxygen is in these circumstances certainly a drug, inasmuch as it "dopes" the recipient, quite like any other drug. Pure oxygen is a powerful and most valuable stimulant for the sick who require it—pa-

cessful for the brief span of a given contest; but for all that he would be poorer, and not the really triumphant man. All competitions should be held under natural conditions, such as must be chanced and coped with in nature.

The only safe and sane way to breathe oxygen is in combination with nitrogen as it exists in the circumambient air, in the form to which, during the ages, human and all other life has become adapted. Normal living is ever "the right adjustment of internal relations to external relations."

After all, why should marathons be run, anyway, except for the glorious and sufficient purpose of announcing in the Athenian market place the victory at Marathon over the Persians? How utterly purposeless is today this terribly taxing race, which must for many a participant result in disease and in shortened existence.

## TO HELP ARGENTINE FARMERS

South America Republic to Have a Department of Agriculture Next Fall.

New York.—The government of Argentina will begin next fall the organization of a national department of agriculture modeled after the department in the United States. For the purpose of obtaining American experts to take charge of the work the Argentine government has had R. E. Bouin in this city for the last three weeks. Mr. Bouin said he has completed his work and expects to return shortly accompanied by six Americans.

Mr. Bouin was born in Louisiana and is director of the governmental agricultural experiment station at Tucuman.

## DOOMED MAN DRAWS BRIEF

Murderer Signs Appeal With Initials, Showing Number in Death House.

Trenton, N. J.—For the first time in the history of New Jersey a man convicted of murder and in the death house at the state prison, has prepared a brief in his own behalf for presentation to the court of errors and appeals in an endeavor to get a new trial.

Frank McDermott and Chauncey H. Deasley, as counsel for Allison M. MacFarland, filed with the court an elaborate brief prepared by MacFarland, who stands convicted of poisoning his wife in Newark.

The case was carried up on a writ of error and in addition to the lawyers' brief the brief of MacFarland was filed. The man goes into the case in detail and has an explanation for every questionable phrase in the now famous "Bunny" letters. As MacFarland is an educated man, the brief was intelligently prepared. He signed it "D. H. 1851." The initials stand for "Death House," and the numbers are his prison designation.

**Mother's Ruse Prevents Wedding.**  
Tone, Wash.—Charles E. Cowell and Miss Mina Erickson had made preparations for a hasty wedding this week, as the bride's mother was opposed to the union. The guests had assembled before the mother learned that she had been outwitted. She pretended to take poison. The news of the apparent suicide was carried to her daughter when the ceremony was almost completed. It has never been finished.

## Prophet Is 15 Years Old

Hindu Regarded by European Theosophists as Precursor of the Master.

Paris.—Theosophists of Europe have their thoughts directed toward Paris, for at Paris has arrived a new Hindu prophet who is regarded by many Theosophists as the precursor of the ultimate Master who is to give to the world its long-experienced moral transformation. He is a mere boy, only 15 years of age, and he comes from Adyar, India. At fourteen he wrote a book called "At the Feet of the Master," which has been translated into many languages, and which is said by Theosophists to be inspired by a high consciousness of human needs. To them the prophet, who is called both Krishnamurti and Alcyone, confirms by his presence the declarations of Mrs. Annie Besant in her address at the Sorbonne last year that a profound change was

## Russian Butchery in Tabriz

Many of Leading Citizens, Including a Venerated Priest, Hanged by the Cossacks, Says Correspondent in Letter.

Paris.—Detailed accounts of the atrocities committed by Russian troops in Persia during the last two or three months are at length available. The League for the Rights of Peoples has obtained two letters from Persian correspondents. Both letters are from Tabriz, the chief commercial town of Persia, which the Russians bombarded and seized. The first is dated January 14.

"December 18 the Russian army entered Tabriz without having warned the authorities of the city. This act only served to make the population indignant, as it saw its rights violated. The nationalists, at the sight of foreigners mixing in the affairs of their country, became exasperated. Fighting was imminent between them and the Russian Cossacks. December 22 the Russians began a heavy bombardment. Shells fell everywhere in the city. The population became maddened. The flag from the American consulate was struck off by a shell.

"On the 23d the nationalists seized the Russian barracks, which are in the Armenian quarter. More than twenty Cossacks were killed or wounded. Atrocities began. The Russians entered houses, burning, sacking, killing and pillaging. They struck down the children who resisted before their fathers and mothers and carried off the young girls when they could. Others came on to the Adgi bridge over the River

Amere and again began a bombardment of the unhappy city, which in the last few years had already seen so many indescribable horrors. In this struggle there were about 100 Russian soldiers killed and about as many Persian nationalists, but above that there were more than 800 victims, including defenseless women and children, massacred by the Cossacks. The latter also hanged several members of the municipal council of Tabriz. Chief among these may be mentioned Schaikh Salim, Zia-ul-Ulama, and his uncle, but what caused the greatest excitement, even among the foreigners, was the hanging of Sikat-ul-Islam, a religious man universally respected, according to the consuls of all the European countries, on account of his influence, his good sense and his liberal mind.

"On the 26th the Russians, after having taken possession of the government buildings, custom houses and the postoffices, set fire to them. In the face of all these atrocities and the great misery of the population of Tabriz, the Russian commander-in-chief ordered to be shot two of the Russian soldiers guilty of excessive atrocities. There are many more things to say, but I have neither the will nor the strength. In conclusion I will say only that the beautiful city of Tabriz has become a veritable cemetery and that is the only reason that peace reigns there at present."

Instead of running from a disagreeable argument, most people will stand and stir the kettle.

## DOG SAVES LIFE OF MASTER

Faithful Collie Brings Aid to Missouri Stricken With Apoplexy.

Kansas City, Mo.—A faithful dog probably saved the life of his master, Bainbridge Howard, a pioneer resident of this city.

Howard, accompanied by his collie, started for a walk last night, and at an isolated spot in his apple orchard was stricken with apoplexy. There he lay for hours while the dog made frequent trips to the house, whining and scratching at the door each time.

Meanwhile Mrs. Howard, who is 70 years old, sat alone in the house wondering what had become of her husband. When the dog attracted her attention the intelligent animal led her to her unconscious husband. She summoned neighbors, who carried the old man home.

Blessing in Disguise.  
Many a man is being saved by the hard work that he thinks is killing him.

## CASTLE OF ST. ANGELO NOTED

Known as Tomb of Hadrian—Scene of Torture of Beatrice Cenci.

Rome.—Nearly everyone is familiar with the famous head called "Beatrice Cenci," said to be by Guido Reni, and with the story of that ill-fated family as it is presented in Shelley's play. The beauty and virtue of Beatrice have become a popular tradition; but we are now told by certain iconoclasts that the famous painting is not of her, that it is not by Guido Reni, and that the lady was neither beautiful nor virtuous. The poor tradition has not a leg to stand on, but the fact does not spoil the pleasure of readers in Shel-



Castle of St. Angelo.

ey's drama, nor of sightseers in viewing the room in which the unfortunate Beatrice is said to have been tortured. That room is in the Castle of St. Angelo, otherwise known as the tomb of Hadrian, in Rome. This famous mausoleum, one of the oldest landmarks of the Eternal City, has been greatly changed since its erection more than seventeen centuries ago. The original structure is almost hidden by fortifications that have been built around it; the cone of earth which once crowned the top, planted with evergreens, has given place to a gilt angel sheathing a sword; and the interior has been stripped not only of works of art that adorned it, but of much of the very material used in its construction, that material having been utilized for other buildings.

In 1500 the tomb was connected with the Vatican by a subterranean passage. A photograph of the castle of St. Angelo, as it is now called, showing also the Tiber, the bridge that gives approach to the tomb, and the dome of St. Peter's in the background, illustrates this article. St. Peter's the largest Christian place of worship in the world, and the Mecca of pious pilgrims from all over the globe, has also undergone various transformations since the early days when it succeeded an old basilica located on the same spot. It was built at first on the plan of a Greek cross, which was changed later to a Latin cross and shifted between these two forms twice more before being left in its present form. It is not seen to full advantage at close range, on account of its great dimensions; but the picture accompanying this article gives an excellent effect of the stately and impressive dome.

## SEEK NEW LIGHT ON PIGMIES

Curious People Found to Be Industrious and Intelligent—Expedition to Visit Them.

London.—Fresh and interesting information regarding the habits and conditions of life of a curious pigmy race will be sought by the new expedition to Dutch New Guinea, which is now being planned in London. This strange race of people were first seen by white men when the recent expedition under Capt. C. G. Rawling penetrated into the heart of the island.

Rawling's expedition comprised six Englishmen and was sent out by the British Ornithologists' union. Their objective was a long range of snowy mountains, called the Nassau range, but between them and it lay 60 miles of absolutely unexplored country and of the most difficult kind to negotiate. Dense forest covered most of it, intersected with rivers which for one half of the year were torrents and the other half nearly dried up river beds.

The pigmies were first discovered near the Kapare river, one of the immense streams which, rising in the Nassau mountains, make their way down to the sea. The Japanese soldiers who accompanied Rawling as bearers spied a couple of the little pigmies one day in the hills. The pigmies bolted at once, and an exciting chase took place, which ended in their being captured, and two days later more were surprised and surrounded. They proved to be sturdy men, averaging about four feet, eight inches high, and much better developed than the tribes encountered in the plains. They were also industrious, and decidedly more intelligent. They had neatly constructed huts, and after some time it was discovered that they had words in their language to denote numerals up to ten, words entirely lacking from the language of the plainsmen. Although the most strenuous search was made, only solitary huts could be found. Strangely enough, no children and only one woman, who was being escorted to her new home from her wedding, were seen.

Gets \$1,000 for Dog's Bite.  
Mineola, L. I.—Mrs. May Miller, housekeeper for George Wintgen, taught his pet collie to jump and seize dainties on her shoulder. Last year the dog jumped on the shoulder of Miss Minnie Stockton, a laundress who lived across the street, and, finding no dainties there bit her on the shoulder, forearm and knee, so that she could not leave her bed for four months. She was awarded \$1,000 damages from Wintgen.

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