

sult of his own blunder. He made the opening speech and attacked the anti-imperialists by declaring there was no alternative policy to offer the Philippines for the one that the Roosevelt administration is now carrying out. Gen. Patrick Collins, mayor of Boston, who was present, accepted the challenge, and declared that right under the shadow of Bunker Hill and Faneuil Hall, once a cradle of liberty, the Declaration of Independence, from which—horrible to relate—he began to quote, had something in it, and he said, as his wrath rose, that the right of the Filipinos to independence was as true as the Declaration and the Sermon on the Mount. Senor Sumling, from far Manila, sprang to his feet and made a noble plea for the simon pure, old-fashioned American brand of liberty, and Senor Villamor declared: "I have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, but I would stultify myself if I said the idea of independence is dead in the Philippines. It is not dead. You gave it to Cuba and Panama, and we expect you to give it to us." The smug and admirable Governor Bates had turned this festive gathering, which was scheduled to be entirely innocuous, into a roaring anti-imperialist meeting; a plea for freedom; an appeal to American ideals. Governor Bates is sadly lacking in the sense of humor.—New Orleans States.

**Queer Doings**

In his anxiety to be president for the next four years, Theodore Roosevelt is doing things that are calculated to shock his enthusiastic admirers. Those that have pictured him as a

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courageous champion of the common people and a fierce enemy of the trusts and combines have had the spectacle of the arch enemy of the octopus, hobnobbing with the Goulds and the Morgans, the railway kings and the steel magnates, the captains of oil and the barons of coal, the financiers that control industry and manipulate the stock market. It has been a strange proceeding, these White house conferences between "trust buster" and trust magnate.

However much the "trust busting" contingent may have had cause to marvel, the president's one time associates in "civil service reform" have had greater cause for wonder. Roosevelt, the champion of "pure politics," the "reformer" with high ideals, hand in glove with Quay and Addicks, the sponsor for Payne and the "boss of the bosses" has utterly amazed the mugwump cult that purposes to purify government by eliminating the professional politicians. The straw that has broken the mugwump back is found in the president's summons to Lou Payne, the New York republican politician that Roosevelt has held up to public opprobrium as the personification of evil in politics. The president needs Payne, and needing him he has begged him to forgive and forget.

The truly good have been shocked by this latest exhibition of Roosevelt fallen from his high pedestal, but there is a possibility, of course, that the president has been placed in a false position. It is possible that he has called the trust magnates to the White house for the purpose of showing them the evil of their ways and pointing out to them the inevitable consequences if they persevere in violating the law. He may have appealed to their better nature and lectured them upon the righteousness of earning one's bread in the sweat of one's brow. It is possible, too, that he has sought association with Addicks and Payne to reform them and lead them from the paths of professional politics to the higher sphere of the pure and undefiled.—Milwaukee Daily News.

**Swans Hatched By Thunder.**

A beautiful white swan sat patiently on her nest in a zoo.

"She's a-settin'," her keeper said. "There's seven eggs under her, and they'll all be ready to hatch out by the time the next thunderstorm comes up."

"Thunderstorm?" said the visitor. "What has a thunderstorm got to do with it?"

"It'll hatch out the eggs," the keeper explained. "Swans' eggs are so bloomin' hard that nothin' short of a good clap o' thunder will burst 'em. It's a well-understood fact among naturalists that young swans are never hatched except during thunderstorms. Did you ever examine a swan's egg? Why, hang it, it's as hard as a rock."

Considerably impressed, the visitor sought out the superintendent of the zoo.

"Your bird keeper," he said, "tells me that swans' eggs are so hard that it takes a thunder clap to hatch them. Is this true?"

"It is a tradition," the superintendent said gently. "Many persons think it true. You and I, however, would just call it a tradition—an odd, pleasant, interesting tradition."—Washington Post.

**The Colorado Boycot.**

It seems that the mining corporations that are standing behind the militia and the republican state administration are really the governing power of Colorado and are carrying things with a high hand. They have caused all the big merchants of Denver, with one exception, to boycott the

Rocky Mountain News, the paper owned and edited by Senator Patterson, because of that paper's sympathy with the union miners. The merchants have withdrawn their advertisements, stopped their subscriptions and have in other ways instituted a war against the News. Not content with this, however, the Denver merchants have carried their war into the Cripple Creek district and boycotted the retail dealers who have been guilty of selling goods to the union miners and their families. Commenting on this condition of affairs, the Washington Post says:

"The Post has already briefly discussed the situation in Colorado and has found no reason to abandon its original contention that both parties to the controversy that has resulted in loss of life, destruction of property, and disgrace to the state have been guilty of gross wrongs. Members of the miners' union have been deprived of their liberty and property without due process of law. They have been banished from the state without reason other than that the owners of the mines controlled the state political machinery and the militia. They have been accused of crimes and adjudged guilty by their accusers, by men placed in office by the militia after the regularly elected officials had been removed without regard to the law or to their rights. As a logical and natural result, the workmen, maddened by their treatment, have committed excesses for which the guilty ones should be apprehended and punished, but the average American citizen will find it difficult, whatever his views on unionism to even tacitly approve the gross excesses practiced by the state troops in maltreating women and children whose only offense is that their husbands and fathers are members of the miners' union. The process marks one of the most revolutionary situations that has ever existed under the American flag, and indicates with emphasis that popular government in Colorado at this time is a misnomer and a farce."

Popular government does not exist in Colorado. The state is controlled by a group of wealthy mine owners who compel the legislature to pass

laws in their own interest and without any regard whatever for the rights or interests of the mine workers. But this condition cannot last even in Colorado. It has already excited the surprise and indignation of the rest of the country, and there is much reason to believe that the time is near when the mine owners and the truculent rough rider they have placed in command of the militia will be shorn of the power they now possess. Certain it is that Colorado will suffer for the many outrages which have been committed in the name of the law, and that the attempt to muzzle the press with a boycott will fail and bring humiliation and confusion to those who engaged in it. Senator Patterson is not the man to be frightened by a boycott, but he will win out in the fight that has been made against him, and we shall be very greatly surprised if the republican party in Colorado is not routed body and boots just as soon as the people have an opportunity to use their votes.—New Orleans States.

**The Dialogue of The White House**

"You are familiar, Mr. Panyue, with what I wrote in 'The Strenuous Life' about politicians of your stripe?"

"Sure."

"You have read what I had to say in 'American Ideals' about fighting fellows of your kidney to the death?"

"Bet your life."

"Very well; what do you think of it now?"

"Just what I always did; nothing but hot air."

"You are a sensible man. Now sit down and tell me if Odell is pulling straight, and how much you are going to need to keep your crowd in line for me."—New York Evening Post.

**A Hint to Grosvenor**

Agricultural reports indicate that the grape crop this year will be the largest in the country's history. Now, step up, General Grosvenor, and claim credit for the republican party for placing appendicitis within the reach of the humblest citizen.—Washington Post.

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