

impeachment at this time, it was reported, postponing it until the next session of congress.

Representative Berger, socialist, of Wisconsin, offered a resolution in the house for the impeachment of Federal Judge Hanford of Seattle, who recently took away Leonard Oleson's citizenship on the ground that Oleson was a socialist. The house adopted the Berger resolution, directing the judiciary committee to investigate.

Gunboats and troops will be sent to Cuba and the island authorities have been warned to be ready for intervention.

The United States supreme court has reversed the commerce court's decision which said that railroads could carry coal to be used for railroad fuel at lower rates than commercial coal. The supreme court held that the commerce court was not given new powers but succeeded to the powers of the circuit courts in existence, and it was its business to pass only on questions of law. This ruling would restore the powers of the inter-state commerce commission.

Congressman E. H. Hubbard, representing the Eleventh Iowa district, died suddenly in Sioux City on the day following his nomination.

"TOOK TAFT ON FAITH"

Baltimore Sun: Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte, who introduced Colonel Roosevelt at the Lyric, spoke as follows:

"Fellow-citizens: Three and a half years ago I presided at a great meeting in this hall, introduced William H. Taft to you as the republican candidate for the presidency and urged all who heard me to vote for him in November, 1908.

"Now I urge all of you and all republicans in Maryland not to vote for William H. Taft, and in a few moments I shall present to you the man, the only man, whose nomination at Chicago will give the republican party a fighting chance for victory in November.

"The American people have had enough of Mr. Taft; they didn't really want him in 1908; they couldn't get the man they wanted then and they took Mr. Taft on faith, because that man, the man they really wanted, said Taft would do. Four years ago the people called for Roosevelt, as they call for him now, but Roosevelt wouldn't come then and sent Taft in his place; the people had to put up with Taft for want of Roosevelt; now Roosevelt will come and the people have no further use for Taft.

"This is the long and short, the black and the white of the present situation; this is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about Mr. Taft. He knows as well as you and I do, indeed he knows even better than either you or I do, that in 1908 he was a second choice, or rather no choice at all; that if Colonel Roosevelt could have been persuaded to take a third term then, he himself would have had no ghost of a chance for a first term, to say nothing of a second.

"Probably it isn't altogether pleasant for him to remember this; a man doesn't like to think his girl only married him because she couldn't get the man she wanted and she preferred him to being an old maid; and one would rather not be reminded that his country made him president only because the man it wanted wouldn't serve and it had to have a president of some kind.

"It wouldn't be very tactful or very politic for those in want of jobs to rub in these memories on

Mr. Taft; people who get or keep federal office had better avoid such plainness of speech just now, but this is no time to tickle anybody's vanity or to beat about the bush in saying what must be said for the public good; the present danger to the republican party is too grave, the consequences to the country of a mistake at Chicago would be too momentous, for any one to be mealy-mouthed with a clear conscience. The plain truth is that the people didn't want Taft in 1908 and, after more than three years' trial, they want him so much less now than they did then that they won't have him at any price in 1912; if they can't get Roosevelt, mark my word, they'll take a democrat.

VICTIM'S SARCASM

"What do you consider the most important event in the history of Paris?"

"Well," replied the tourist, who had grown weary of distributing tips, "so far as financial prosperity is concerned, I should say the discovery of America was the making of this town."—Washington Herald.

REASON FOR HASTE

"I understand that T. A. Edison says that concrete shoes will be all the rage soon."

"Gee! I guess I'll speak to your father right away."—Houston Post.

NOT THERE

Joke-Seller—"Did you receive my letter and that batch of jokes?"
Editor—"I received the letter, but I didn't see the jokes."—Satire.

THE HURRICANE

Lord of the winds! I feel thee nigh,
I know thy breath in the burning sky,
And I wait with a thrill in every vein,
For the coming of the hurricane!
And lo! on the wing of the heavy gales,
Through the boundless arch of heaven he sails;
Silent and slow, and terribly strong,
The might shadow is borne along,
Like the dark eternity to come;
While the world below, dismayed and dumb,
Through the calm of the thick, hot atmosphere,
Looks up at its gloomy folds with fear.

They darken fast; and the golden blaze
Of the sun is quenched in the lurid haze
And he sends through the shade a funeral ray—
A glare that is neither night nor day.
A beam that touches with hues of death
The clouds above and the earth beneath.
To its cover glides the silent bird,
While the hurricane's distant voice is heard,
Uplifted among the mountains round;
And the forests hear and answer the sound.
He is come! he is come! do ye not behold?
His ample robes on the wind unrolled?
Giant of the air! we bid thee hail!
How his gray skirts toss in the whirling gale!
How his huge and writhing arms are bent
To clasp the zone of the firmament,
And fold, at length, in their dark embrace,
From mountain to mountain, the visible Space!

—William Cullen Bryant.



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