

ROOSEVELT'S LETTERS TO LODGE BARE MANY SECRETS

Fight With Trusts Was Unflinching

Great American President's Innermost Thoughts, Political Strategy Revealed in Intimate Correspondence.

Hot Political Battles

(This series of the intimate personal letters of Theodore Roosevelt and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will continue Sunday and daily for 10 weeks. Probably the most spectacular, as well as the most beneficial achievement in the career of President Roosevelt was his fight with the corporations—his crusade against "trusts."

When Roosevelt was governor of New York and a campaign was on whether he should consent to run for vice president in 1900, he confided to Lodge his first realization that the corporations were lined up as his enemies.

STATE OF NEW YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

Hon. H. C. Lodge, Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C.

Now this letter is to be strictly secret. I have found out one reason why Senator Platt wants me nominated for the vice presidency.

It was the big insurance companies, possessing enormous wealth, that gave "Pay'n" his formidable strength, and they to a man want me out. The great corporations affected by the franchise tax have also been at the senator.

Outside of that, the feeling here is very strong against my going. In fact, all my friends in the state feel that I am deserting them, and are simply unable to understand my considering it.

Louis F. Payn, the state insurance commissioner, had been appointed by Governor Frank S. Black, so Roosevelt inherited him and his reputation of conducting the state insurance department for the benefit of the corporations.

Healing Eczema With Cranberries

The mild acid juice found in Cranberries seems to kill the tiny parasites which are the direct cause of Eczema and most skin irritations.

RED PIMPLES TEN YEARS

On Face and Arms. Itched and Burned. Could Not Sleep. Cuticura Heals.

"For the last ten years my face and arms have been covered with pimples. The pimples were hard and red and itched and burned so that I could not sleep well during the night. I kept scratching the pimples all the time which made them more to break out. My clothes aggravated the pimples on my arms."

deals. So it went. Payn's supporters were the politicians of machine stripe. The better elements were behind the governor.

February 5, 1900. Personal. My Dear Theodore: You know me too well to suppose that I am going to find any fault because you have decided against my opinion.

(Not long after this, before being persuaded to take the vice presidential nomination, Roosevelt wrote to Lodge regarding Senator Platt's assistance. Platt was not an unpleasant friend. Roosevelt told him, "that if the corporations began to ride ugly I should give them the roughest handling that they had had yet."

Dear Cabot: Edith writes me that she thinks you are better which has relieved me much. Evidently she has been a good deal worried about you.

Well, thank heaven, tomorrow I turn my face toward the east, and 10 days afterward my work will have ceased. This has been a great trip, and I believe a very useful one, but I am so jaded and nerve-wary and bored that it almost seems as if I could not go through the remainder of the speaking.

Most of the people out here believe that Cleveland will be nominated on a Democratic ticket, and that he will be a very formidable man to beat.

I regard his interview as insincere. He has a perfect right to be against me, openly and avowedly, but it is nonsense to oppose my endorsement on the grounds that he alleges.

Puget Sound is a most marvelous and beautiful body of water, and the snow-capped mountain chains which surround it make a fine background.

I have had a great reception here in the west, and yesterday at Spokane made what I consider my best speech, which I think will be given out perhaps under a Butte headline in the papers tomorrow.

Now, that you see that I set my face like flint against violence and lawlessness of any kind on their part, just as much as against arrogant greed by the rich, and that I would be as quick to move against one as against another, this I may say in position clear.

This whole incident has served one temporary useful purpose, for it has entirely revived me. I was feeling jaded and tired. The trip has been very severe and I have gotten so that I cannot sleep well which always tells me one. But this last business gave me a new and vivid interest in life.

Now, thank heavens, I have little more than a week left. The last three days in Iowa and Illinois will be the worst. Give my love to Nannie.

UNITED STATES SENATE, Committee on the Philippines. Nahant, Mass., June 2, 1903. Private. Dear Theodore: The opposition to you among the capitalists is confined to a group of Wall street and Chicago people, but even in Wall street there is a large body of men who are with you, and I do not find here on State street any manifest hostility on account of your merger case, rather the contrary.

Creighton and Marquette Teams to Meet in Debate Here Tuesday



Robert Patton, Thomas Russell, Joseph Ball, Timothy Garrison, Manager.

The debating teams of Creighton and Marquette universities will meet at Creighton auditorium Tuesday evening in the first home debate of the season for the local team. The question will be: "Resolved, That Congress Should Be Empowered to Override by a Two-thirds Majority Vote Decisions of the Supreme Court Declaring Acts of Congress Unconstitutional."

For example: I had a letter from Charles Jackson, who is abroad, and who is a broker and a State street man, saying he thought you were entirely right in the merger case and that it was a comfort to have a man of such courage in the White House.

UNITED STATES SENATE, Committee on the Philippines. London, September 13, 1903. Personal. Dear Theodore: The country will certainly not forget your attitude in regard to the big corporations.

Now, this implies an important point. They have given out the idea that you are entirely given over to the labor side and that you are wholly prepared to strike work on capital.

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON. October 8, 1905. Dear Cabot: Perhaps you are right about his having been proper for me to bear down harder upon Hearst and Moran, upon their type, in my Harrisburg speech. But of course it was a speech

that I hoped would do good to the party, and I did not know how far it was wise to go in denouncing our opponents by name.

Always yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Hon. H. C. Lodge, U. S. S., Nahant, Mass.

Dear Cabot: In New York I think the situation doubtful though I cannot help believing we are going to win. The managers have at the end suddenly groined utterly panic-stricken.

We have suffered very much from lack of funds. You would be dumfounded to know how universally the rich men have refused to contribute.

As you know, in San Francisco many of the big corporations have deliberately stood by the labor union party, saying with utter cynicism that they preferred the chance of occasional violence if they could temper it with corruption.

With best love to Nannie. Faithfully yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Hon. H. C. Lodge, Nahant, Mass.

In the panic of 1907 President Roosevelt was continually attacked by spokesmen of "the interests." He had carried on investigations of railroads, including the Harriman lines and other corporations, like Standard Oil, against which the government had brought suit.

Dear Cabot: The financial situation here looks ugly. What the outcome will be no one can prophesy. Secretary Shaw feels that as yet things are not threatening. Root is inclined to think the danger is much greater.

Dear Theodore: I have thought a great deal of you. I have someone opposed you to my mind, but you are absolutely right to answer Harriman. I was essential.

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New York recently they say that New York's view of me—the view of the class of high finance, and of the "educated" intelligence—is one of hatred, terror, but above all horror. They now think that I have become partially insane through excessive drinking!

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON. Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 4, 1907. Dear Cabot: The other day in talking to a reasonably intelligent friend, who is in Wall street and who is heroically endeavoring to stand up for me against the general opposition, I found that he himself was under the impression that I had started the insurance investigations, and that the present feeling against property and menace to our prosperity was due to this unwise action on my part.

When panic actually struck "The Street" in 1907, the president agreed that it was no time for beginning any more suits against the corporations "at the moment." He did not blame himself, however, for the panic.

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I am amused to see that our species are entirely different and yet preach the same moral. My text is the compact of the Mayflower not the Puritan. I attack socialism, urge control of corporations, the meeting of new questions in new ways and the observance of law and especially of the fundamental law of the constitution—all in brief of course, I hope you will like it. Poor man, you will have to listen to it and I laugh sardonically as I think of it.

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"Oh! how clear and beautiful your complexion is today, my dear!" There is a certain joy—a certain pride—in knowing you are clear, whether it be from father, brother, husband or sweetheart.

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