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### CONCERNING MR. SMITH.

Now that the weather has grown colder and the heat of the campaign is over, it does the heart and circulation no end of good to read a letter such as was addressed to and called forth by Mr. William Dudley Foulke. No more deserved castigation ever came from the pen of the president than the letter in which he flayed Delavan Smith and the other newspapers who had to do with the spreading of the infamous lie which was dignified into the Panama scandal. It seems strange that the editor of the News should have been guilty of misrepresentation—he has never been even suspected of that before. It is too bad that he took the word of the New York World! No one has had the confidence in its word that he has displayed! It is a mystery how any paper while "disclaiming any responsibility for its accuracy" could have found any basis for the mud-slinging editorial, the best way to have "disclaimed any responsibility" would have been to have left out the editorial. Or is it the custom of that paper to base its editorial comment on that sort of thing?

To newspaper men the most cowardly part of the proceeding will be the laying of the blame at the door of the man who writes Mr. Smith's editorials. In well managed papers there is usually some connection between the spoken order of the management and the printed word in the editorial column. Mr. Smith may indeed have been in Cleveland, but his policy was evidently well known and carried out, for it was consistent with the other editorials of that paper. And finally, the most conclusive evidence is the fact that since that date Mr. Delavan Smith's efforts have been to clear himself rather than to straighten up the matter and to use every effort in his power to let the light on the matter.

That scurrilous shovelful of nastiness for which the News stood sponsor did not do any harm. It will be remembered of the last campaign that the lie was told in the Coliseum in this town by a fiery orator and the audience which had applauded his every word remained silent when he paused for applause at the end of the lie.

The public has a suspicion of "Who is Who in America." It did not need Mr. Roosevelt's letter to convince it that Smith is a "conspicuous offender." The people of Indiana know the News. And the News casts a slur on the understanding of the citizens of this state when it tries to foist such a lie on the public. It speaks well for the integrity of the press all over the country that only a few papers followed the lead of the World.

About the size of it is that most people in these parts will be glad that Delavan Smith got his.

### DELENDA EST CARTHAGO!

The message of the president it appears was not listened to in its reading before congress. Most people know why. If the members of congress had been asked they would have said it was because they knew what the president was going to say and in that they would have been right.

The message is intrinsically a reiteration of all the other messages of the president. Differences there are of course but the keynote is the same. A Square Deal!

The message touches on all the problems of the day and those problems may vary and change and reappear but in the president's mind the solution is ever the same. It is the solution of the square deal.

Whether it be corporation abuse, land grabbing, conservation of national resources, postal changes, the census, reform of the courts, labor, overgrown fortunes, public health, or the Philippines, the answer and the recommendation of the Man in the White House now, is a square deal for all. This is only another way of saying that we must be honest.

It reminds one of a parallel in history. When the Roman Republic had still the splendid ideals which have stood for all ages and which influence is even today its very life was threatened by the disingenuous power of Carthage under the leadership of the re-

doubtable Hannibal. Then there arose in the Roman senate the figure of the illustrious Cato. "Carthage must be destroyed." The Roman senate heeded him not at all. And no matter thereafter what the subject of the discourse might be those words of Cato's gradually burned themselves into the inner consciousness of the senate. For every time he made a speech he ended it always with the same words "Delenda est Carthago."

And so in this year of our Lord 1908, Roosevelt has ended his message with the same keynote with which he began it. "Carthage," the stronghold of corporate pirates, land grabbers, special interests, feeders out of the public crib, grafters and boodlers, and all the company of the foes which beset the republic must be destroyed. It is not enough to repulse them as they have been time and again with varying success. "Carthage" must be destroyed from the very ground and one stone not left upon another!

That is the real message of the president. No wonder congress did not listen to it.

## HASKELL LAND GRAB PROBED BY PRESIDENT

### Oklahoma Executive Accused Of Gobbling Lots.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt has decided to send a special attorney to Oklahoma to investigate Governor Haskell's acquisition of town lots through Indian titles.

In a letter to William J. Bryan during the recent presidential campaign the president commended upon these acquisitions by Oklahoma's governor. The department of justice, acting upon information furnished by the secretary of the interior, has been conducting an investigation for several months into the methods by which white persons obtained titles to valuable Indian lands.

Assistant Attorney General Russell has made several trips to Oklahoma looking up evidence. More than 4,000 suits have been commenced in the federal courts of Oklahoma by the United States to set aside conveyances.

## BATTLESHIPS GET TO CEYLON MONDAY

### Cruiser Panther Has Already Arrived.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 9.—The American auxiliary cruiser Panther arrived here Tuesday from Cavite. The Panther precedes the American battleship fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Sperry, which left Manila December 1. The 16 warships are due here next Monday, and the municipality is perfecting arrangements to entertain the American officers and men.

## Rheumatism Caused By Dyspepsia

### So Claim Many Eminent Doctors Up- on Recent Scientific Investigation.

A large school of physicians which is constantly increasing, claims that the eating of too much animal foods creates an over supply of proteids, which are composed of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen oxygen and sulphur, and that when such proteids are imperfectly digested and go into the blood they create vast quantities of nitrogen which the oxygen from the lungs cannot neutralize and hence results, uric acid and rheumatism and scores of other diseases.

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### MASONIC CALENDAR.

Wednesday, Dec. 9.—Webb lodge No. 24 F. & A. M., called meeting; work in Master Mason degree; refreshments.

Friday, Dec. 11.—King Solomons Chapter No. 4 R. A. M., stated convocation; election of officers.

Nearly all of the vines in Europe were killed by frost in 891 and 893, on midsummer's day, 1033, in England, there was a frost so severe that it destroyed fruits.

## TRUST BUSTER MARVELS AT TESTIMONY OF JOHN D.

Kellogg Declares That the Statements of Rockefeller and Archbold Made on Witness Stand in Oil Trust Suit Are Absurd.

New York, Dec. 9.—Frank B. Kellogg, the Minnesota lawyer, who is conducting the most important suit the Standard Oil company has ever had to deal with, a suit which, if won by the government, will bring about a dissolution and reorganization of that great trust, believes that there is a fine lot of lying being done in the hearings.

"These lapses of memory on the part of witnesses like Rockefeller and Archbold," declared Mr. Kellogg yesterday, with fine scorn, "are absurd—perfectly absurd! The idea of any man having the face to say that he can't recall the details of a \$23,000,000 deal! He must think the public is a fool."

"What are these men most afraid of?"

"Oh, I don't know," said Kellogg. "I can't understand such people. If they aren't conducting their business improperly why shouldn't they be willing to testify like good citizens? I'll tell you what it is," he declared, "these men have been so long accustomed to power and to doing exactly as they please in everything that they are amazed and enraged at the very idea of being forced to tell what it does not please them to tell. They are autocratic and defiant through habit and temperament."

"What do they want all this money for, anyway?" pursued Kellogg, half laughing. "I can't imagine myself wanting a huge useless fortune. I'd much rather remain a plain lawyer."

"It's all wrong, too, this idea that has got about of late years, that a young man must sacrifice his ideals to succeed in any line of business. If a man has brains he doesn't need to resort to tricks in order to 'get there,' and if he does resort to tricks he'll trip up some day when he least expects to. Business is founded on honesty after all, you know."

## SEARCH FOR KIERAN THE TROOPS TO STAY

Police Would Take Into Custody Former President of Fidelity Company.

New York, Dec. 9.—The police have been asked to arrest P. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity Funding company, but they have not located him. The officers had been advised that Kieran and his wife would return from Washington, but if they arrived they were not recognized.

It has developed in connection with the affairs of the Fidelity Funding company that rival receivers, state and federal are now engaged in litigation for possession of the concern's assets. Thomas F. Gilroy Jr., who is now acting as temporary state receiver, was appointed as such on Oct. 27. About two weeks later, on Nov. 12, application to the United States district court here, by several large creditors of the company, resulted in the appointment of Robert C. Morris as federal receiver. Mr. Morris attempted to secure the assets and books of the company but found State Receiver Gilroy already in possession. Mr. Gilroy refused to turn the property over, and on an order to show cause raised the point that the Fidelity Funding company was not engaged in a trading business and therefore could not be adjudicated in bankruptcy in federal proceedings.

The federal receiver, resisting this contention, a referee was appointed to hear arguments. No hearings have been held, but it is understood that the referee, Peter B. Olney, will take up the case shortly.

## FESTIVAL NOW OCCUPIES ATTENTION

### High School Students Prepare For Big Event.

The high school is a busy place now. It is all because the students are preparing for the festival that is to be held at the school Friday evening. This event promises to be one of the greatest that has ever been conducted by the high school students as a body. Some of the features will be a farce comedy in which "Duke" Rogers will take three parts which will be known as the Actors Agency. The Dutch band concert and a number of side shows and several other features, will be worth attending. Arrangements are now being made by which the drawing room will be open for the inspection of all those who attend the festival. The cartoons and posters for the side shows will be the features of the evening entertainments.

The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Fay Covell, Brandon Griffiths, Able Schaefer, Lucie Townsend, Ray Rogers, Hubert Wann, Stonehill Keates, Paul Garver, Mildred Kuhn and Miss Edith Tallant.

It is estimated that the total production of sugar throughout the world is about 2,000,000 tons per annum. Of this quantity nine-tenths are afforded by the sugar cane, 25,000,000 tons of which are required to produce the above quantity of cane sugar. The average of saccharine matter in the ripe West Indian sugar cane is from 18 to 21 per cent., of which only 8 per cent. is available to commerce. The total value of the sugar in the cane, if it could be extracted, would be about \$230,000,000, but one-half is lost in the process of manufacture.

An electrician in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha has equipped a locomotive with a wireless device, which railroad men assert will enable train dispatchers and station agents to signal engineers between stations.

### MOVES TO RICHMOND.

County Treasurer-Elect Albertson Comes Here.

Albert R. Albertson, treasurer-elect of Greensfork, has moved to his new home on South Fifteenth street, this city. He will take his place as county treasurer, January 1.

Capt. Archibald Willingham Butt, the new military aid at the White House is a fine tennis player and has already become a member of President Roosevelt's "tennis cabinet." He played his first game as partner with the eminent chief, matched against the French ambassador, M. Jusserand, and Postmaster-General Meyer.

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## MOST SERIOUS PHASE OF FLOOD PASSES

Pine Bluff, Ark., May Soon Be Relieved.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 9.—Apparently the fight against the encroachment of the Arkansas River toward the eastern residential section of this city has been won, and with the more rapid receding of the water, as now indicated, it is believed the most serious phase of the flood is passed.

A complete silk plant from the worms on the trees to the looms, will be a feature of Japan's exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle.

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