

TARIFF MUST BE LOWER IS TAFT'S ULTIMATUM

President Tells Standpatters He Intends to See That Downward Revision Wins.

STATEMENT AS THREAT OF VETO

Executive Meets Arguments of Congressmen by Declaring Party Pledges Shall Be Kept.

President Taft clarified the tariff situation Friday by issuing his first formal statement on the subject. This statement, made after a conference with twenty-two Republican and one Democratic representative who demanded a high protective tariff, follows:

"Mr. Young of Michigan opposed free ore; Mr. Mondell opposed free coal or reciprocity with Canada and free hides; each on the ground that the policy would injure the interests in his State, and a discussion was participated in by other representatives, who urged that the doctrine of free raw materials was not a Republican doctrine.

"The President replied that he was not committed to the principle of free raw materials, but that he was committed to the principle of a downward revision of the tariff which he had promised, and that he was obliged to look at the matter not from the standpoint of any particular district, but from the standpoint of the whole country, and also from the standpoint of responsibility for the entire Republican party.

"He said the question in each case was a question of fact, to be determined by evidence, as to whether the present duty was needed for protection or whether the rates were excessive, so that a downward revision, or putting the article on the free list, would not injure the industry.

Taft Defines the Issues.

"He repeated the platform of the Republican party and said that he had always understood that it meant a downward revision in many instances, though perhaps in some few instances an increase might be needed; that he reached this construction of the platform on what he understood to be the principle of protection and its justification—namely, that after an industry was protected by a duty equal to the difference between the cost of production in this country, including a fair profit to the manufacturer, the energy and enterprise of American business men and capital, the effectiveness of American labor and the ingenuity of American inventors under the impulse of competition behind the tariff wall would reduce the cost of production, and that, with the reduction in the cost of production, the tariff rate would become unnecessarily high and ought to be reduced.

"This was the normal operation of the tariff as claimed by the defenders of the protective system—not in every case, but as a general rule—that of course a revision of the tariff could not be perfect, must have defects and inconsistencies, but in so far as his influence went when called upon to act in connection with legislation it would be thrown in the direction of performing the promises of the party as he understood them; and that if iron ore and oil and coal and hides did not need protection and the conditions were such as to enable the ore producers and the oil producers and the coal producers and the producers of hides to compete successfully, without reduction of wages, with the producers from abroad, then they did not need a duty and their articles should go on the free list.

"It was a question of fact which he hoped to make up his mind with respect to, on such evidence as was available to him in order to carry out what he understood to be the promises of the party to the whole people. He said he felt that his position as the titular head of the Republican party and as President, with the whole people as his constituency, gave him a somewhat broader point of view than that of a single member of Congress in respect to articles produced in his district. He felt strongly the call of the country for a downward revision within the limitations of the protective principle, and he hoped to be able to respond to that call as he heard it, as well in the interests of the party as of the country."

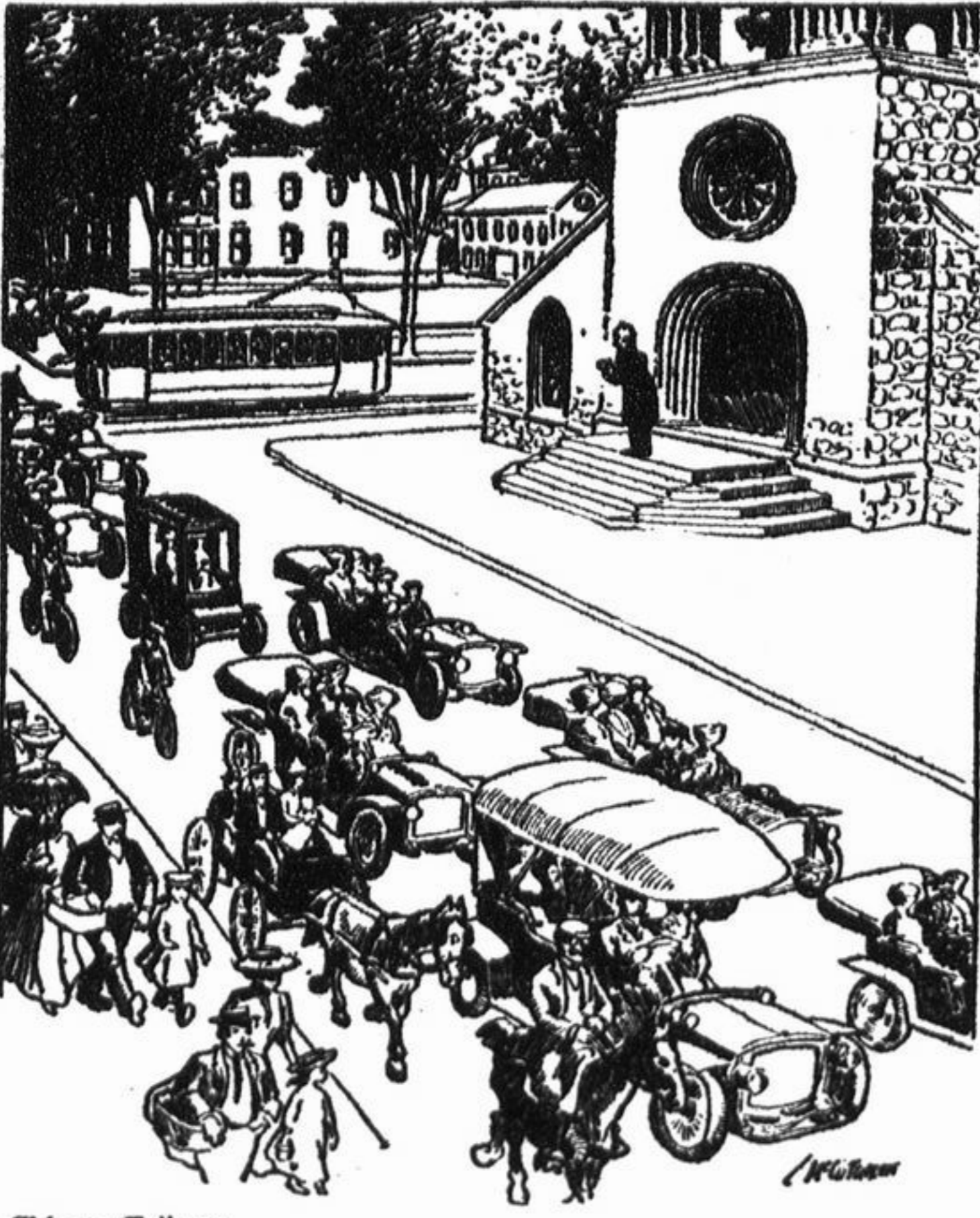
EXTENDS OKLAHOMA PIPE LINE

Secretary Ballinger Grants Right of Way to Prairie Oil and Gas. A right of way to the Prairie Oil and Gas Company for the immediate construction of an eight-inch pipe line for the purpose of conducting oil from a point in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, in the Glennpool field, through the Creek, Cherokee and Choctaw nations in a southerly direction to the Oklahoma-Arkansas state line, a distance of 151 miles, has been approved by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce. The new pipe line is the outgrowth of Secretary Ballinger's action in amending the oil and gas regulations by striking out the "common carriers" and "confiscatory" clauses, none of the companies being willing to extend their lines under the old regulations.

Killed by Ungain Pardon. Oiler Senator Oscar O. Bayles was shot and killed by David K. Smith, at Monteville, Ala., as a result of Bayles' efforts to secure a pardon for Isaac and Jesse Shively, who are serving terms for the killing of James Smith, a brother of David.

Shot in the Back. The Princess of Sagan, who was the guest of honor at the New York, was shot in the back by Prince Helle de Sagan. Mrs. Anna Gould was July 9, 1908.

"WAITING AT THE CHURCH."



—Chicago Tribune.

WILL ASK DEATH PENALTY.

Prosecutor Holds Four Responsible for Murder of Banker Saylor.

State's Attorney John D. Pallisard in Waukegan, Ill., announced that he would ask the death penalty for all four defendants in the murder of Banker John Byron Saylor—Dr. W. R. Miller, Mrs. Lucy Saylor, John Grunden and Ira Grunden.

Mrs. Cora Miller, wife of the accused physician, who in Waukegan with an uncle, John Marshall of Blairsville, Pa., has \$250,000 back of her in her right to free her husband. She repudiated a report that she had visited Mrs. Saylor in the Waukegan jail, and declared her undying hatred for her woman-rival. Owing to Mrs. Miller's peculiar position in the case—that of a witness for her husband and against Mrs. Saylor—it became probable that there would be separate trials for Miller and the other defendants. Mrs. Saylor, her brother, Ira Grunden, and her father, John Grunden, will be tried on the charge of accessory to murder, and Miller will be tried separately. It is believed, on the direct charge of murder.

With the opening of the vault in Saylor's bank in which his private papers were stored, evidence was brought to light that not only started Prosecuting Attorney Pallisard but caused Golda, the 17-year-old daughter of the slain man, to make a charge of front and express the opinion that her father was foully murdered. Miss Saylor shocked the community shortly after the killing by stating that Dr. Miller was a good friend of her mother and she was sure her father had been killed by him in self-defense. Later she stated that if her father had left her any money every cent of it would be spent toward bringing Dr. Miller to the gallows and that she "would like to pull the rope herself."

Attorneys for Miller are said to be preparing to make a defense of insanity. State's Attorney Pallisard announced that the information found in Saylor's private box was of such nature that all who read the papers were put under an oath.

BOOKS FOR THE MILLIONS.

Bulletin of Bureau of Education Shows One Library to 15,416. There were 15,416 persons to each library and an average of seventy-two bound volumes to every 100 persons in the United States in 1908, according to a bulletin issued by the United States Bureau of Education. There were 2,298 libraries reporting 3,000 volumes or over, 3,342 reporting 1,000 volumes or over, but less than 5,000, and about 2,700 reporting less than 1,000 volumes each in this country during the last year.



UMPIRE TRUBY, OF NEW YORK, HAS RETIRED FROM THE STAFF OF NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRES.

Mrs. Ramsey and three companions of New York are crossing the continent to San Francisco in a motor car. Jay Eye See, known the country over as the first 2:10 trotter, died of old age near Racine, Wisconsin. He was born in Kentucky thirty-one years ago. His grave will be marked with a granite shaft.

Newton Colver, a seasoned sportsman of Spokane, suggests that the climatic conditions in and around Seattle are conducive to extraordinary running records such as have been made at that city during the past few years. At the conclusion of the Padonach (Ky.) Fair Association's exhibit, there will be a race meet. Over 300 horses are expected at the tracks of the Padonach Fair Association. These entries will represent Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky and other States.

Again has King Edward broken all traditions by winning the James Palace stakes, for 3-year-olds, at a mile, with Minora, who won the Derby.

Among the many New Jersey farms where trotters and pacers are bred and reared is the place owned by Geo. Stengel, who raises horses for the pleasure he derives from the pursuit. The greatest crowd that ever witnessed the historic annual contest between Harvard and Yale watched the crimson triumph over the blue on the Thames at New London, Conn. Harvard was the victor in three events in spite of the heroic efforts of her rival.

WIFE GETS STOLEN \$20,000.

Court Believes "Hobbery" in Seattle Was Used to Escape Judgment.

A sequel to the theft of \$20,000 from Mrs. A. J. Shea of Everett, Miss., in Seattle, six weeks ago, and the subsequent recovery of the money came to light when Mr. Shea was arrested for contempt of court in his refusal to pay \$4,000 on a \$20,000 judgment secured against him by his former attorney, J. L. Washburn. Mr. Shea sold the timber on his claim for \$20,000, gave the money to his wife, who went to the West with it. The story of the theft was doubted by the Seattle police, and their suspicions were more or less confirmed when \$15,000 of the sum was reported to have been returned. Shea was examined on supplemental proceedings and ordered to pay Mr. Washburn \$6,000 of the judgment secured on a note, and for attorney's fees and incidental expenses. He failed to do this, and was sent to jail for contempt of court.

SEVEN KILLED AND 24 HURT.

Hundreds of Pedestrians Have Narrow Escape When Building Falls.

In one of the busiest sections of Philadelphia and at a time when thousands of pedestrians were passing, the five-story brick building at the northeast corner of 11th and Market streets, which was being reconstructed for the United Gas Improvement Company, collapsed with a terrific roar early Thursday afternoon, burying or pinning beneath the ruins thirty-two persons, seven of whom are dead, one missing, one fatally injured and twenty-four more or less seriously injured. Those killed were workmen employed by Sax & Abbott, contractors. The two lower floors of the building had been torn out and the three floors were shored up by heavy timbers. Steel girders were bracing the shoring. It is supposed that by moving one of the girders the entire structure was loosened.

SAFE-CRACKERS ROB POSTOFFICE

Wheatley, Ill., Strong Box Looted of \$500 in Cash and Stamps. Safe-crackers blew open the safe of the postoffice at Huntley, Ill., on the Northwestern railroad, some time in the night and escaped with about \$500 in money and stamps. The robbery was a daring one, the interior of the store being wrecked by the force of the explosion. Postmaster R. H. Cook, of Huntley, was the first to discover the theft when he went to his drug store in the morning. The postoffice was located in the back of the store and the robbers had been thorough in their work of looting. No one, apparently, heard the sound of the explosion and the men worked with little fear of discovery. The robbers stole a horse from the barn of John Kelly and drove about three miles east, where they tied the animal. No further trace of them was found.

FIGHT FOR THE PERIATA.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

Table with columns for National League, American League, and American Association, listing teams and their records.

Acquitted in Murder Case.

Myrtle Cross, 18 years old, was acquitted in Cripple Creek, Colo., of a charge of having murdered John Phillips, her sweetheart.

Bolt Causes Theatre Panic.

During a freakish electrical storm a panic was caused in a summer park vaudeville theater in Louisville, when the roof was set afire by a bolt which struck the moving picture machine. Several women fainted. No one was hurt.

Rum Drinking Brings Death.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict finding that Frank Lightfoot, of Pleasanton, Kan., who died in Fort Scott, Kan., succumbed from alcoholism.

BREAK COL. SNELL'S WILL.

Jurors for Second Time Set Aside Last Testament of Millionaire.

The third contest over the will of Col. Thomas Snell of Clinton, Ill., the eccentric old man who died leaving an estate of \$2,000,000 and cutting his only son off with an annuity of \$50, was ended Friday when a jury decided that Col. Snell was insane at the time he made the will. This decision sets aside the bequest of several thousand dollars to Mabelle Snell McNamara, the aged colonel's affinity. The jury was out a little more than an hour and took but one ballot, which resulted eleven to one for the contesting son, Richard Snell. The dissenting juror changed his vote without the formality of a second ballot.

The first trial of the contest resulted in a verdict that Col. Snell was insane, but a higher court set aside the verdict and remanded the case for another trial. If the will had stood the legal heirs would have received, all told, annuities aggregating \$5,000, and not exceeding \$1,000 in any single case, while the residue of the fortune would have been held in a weird trust agreement for heirs yet unborn. On the date set for a final distribution, in the terms of the will, the estate would have grown probably to \$100,000,000.

The Snell will case will go down in American court annals as furnishing one of the most amazing instances of the depths to which women have descended to gain money. The most sensational feature of all three hearings of the case was the introduction of letters from nearly a score of women young and old, all of whom professed to love the millionaire madly. To cater to a degenerate tendency which appeared to be one of Col. Snell's senile vagaries, the women interlarded their letters with unprintable obscenities. The more vulgar the tone of the letters the better pleased the old man appeared to be, and it was found when the letters were exposed that he had formed the habit of marking them with his impressions. Scarcely a letter was written to the dotting old man by any of the women which did not demand gifts and money.

DON CARLOS, PRETENDER, DEAD.

Was Claimant for Throne of Spain—Followers to Recognize Alfonso.

Don Carlos of Bourbon, who waged a war for the throne of Spain, to which he claimed the right of succession, died Sunday at Varese, in Lombardy, Italy, following a long illness. Don Carlos of the house of Bourbon had a strong following in the north of Spain, where he took up arms in 1873 to enforce his claims. He then assumed the title of Charles VIII and clung to his position until 1876, when he was conquered by the forces of Alfonso XII, who had been proclaimed king at Madrid. Following his defeat, the pretender withdrew to France, where, as the senior male heir of the Bourbon house, he had a right to the throne in the event of the restoration of the monarchy. His heir is his son, Don Jaime, now an officer in the Russian army.

Carlos' pretensions to the Spanish throne were based on the ground that Isabelle, daughter of Ferdinand VII., who was Don Carlos' grandniece, and Christina, mother of Alfonso XII., were betrothed to the Baltic law, were barred from succession. A recent report in Spain, when it became known that Carlos was desperately ill, was to the effect that his followers would recognize King Alfonso upon Carlos' death. Senior Lorenas, a Carlist deputy, said that when Carlos died his supporters would organize the religious element of the party into a Catholic party similar to the German Centrists in the Reichstag.



Cable advices from Lemberg, Austria, told of the outbreak of new anti-Hebrew aggressions, and 100 Jews and Hebrews were said to have been slain in Bessarabia, Southwestern Russia.

The christening of the infant Spanish princess took place with the customary ceremonies for such occasions. The dignitaries of the land were present and representatives from other countries.

The American liner, New York, reached Plymouth, England, four hours ahead of her nearest competitor in a race in which nine liners were participating. At the close of the Imperial Free-trade conference, America, was second.

The capital city of Persia was reported to have been completely invested by the armed forces of the revolutionary nationalists early in the week and the only thing that prevented their further occupation of Teheran was the joint ultimatum sent to their commander by the diplomatic representatives of Russia and Great Britain.

Lord Charles Bessborough outlined his naval policy before the London Chamber of Commerce, saying that England's position was due purely to arrears in shipbuilding. He advocated a plan which would give the nation twenty-six Dreadnaughts by 1914, which, with improvement in stations and stores, would cost about \$300,000,000. At the close of the Imperial Free-trade conference Bessborough urged the creation of five distinct navies, one for each of the five national divisions of the empire.

The new galleries of the Victoria and Albert museum at South Kensington, London, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1899 by the Queen Victoria, have been formally opened by King Edward with full state ceremony.

Delayed dispatches from Bogota, Wednesday, told of an uprising against the government which had started at Barranquilla on July 4. A portion of the army had made prisoners of the municipal officers and had proclaimed Gonzales Galonza as president. Later the revolutionists took possession of Cartagena and of several steamers on the Magdalena River.

THE TRAGEDY.



My doll is broken! Annel, my doll! The very best and dearest one of all. She had such lovely eyes, so big and blue. And she could open them and shut them, too.

And then her hair was such a curly brown. I'm sure she was the prettiest doll in town.

And it was I who broke her! I myself Who knocked her down from off the nursery shelf.

If I'd been careful, as I ought to be, It never would have happened, don't you see? Her own dear mother let her break her head.

I feel so bad that I wish I were dead! A Common Error.

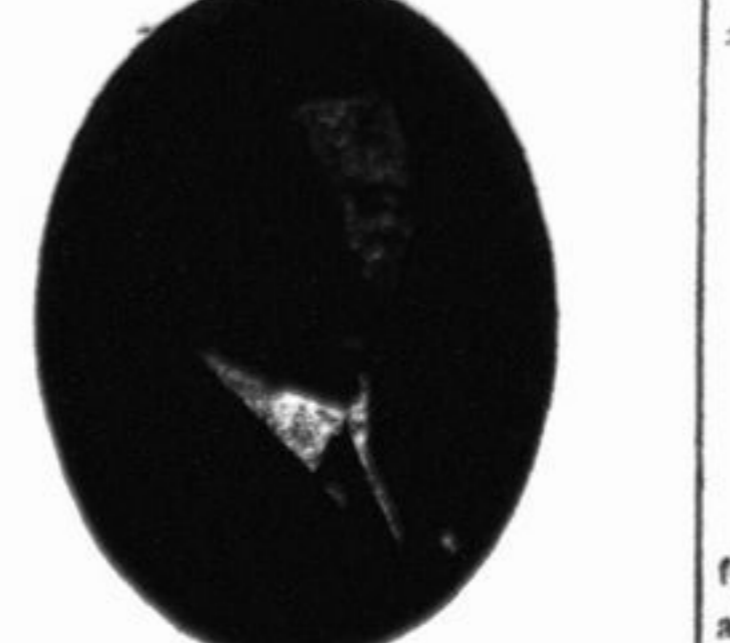
An error that is frequently made and for which there should be no excuse save that of ignorance, is often said to be the result of hurried composition; but you will admit that that is less than no excuse at all. It is the use of the objective case instead of the possessive, before a gerund or verbal noun, ending in -ing. As an illustration, take this phrase that was inadvertently published in a newspaper: "To prevent them making a rush."

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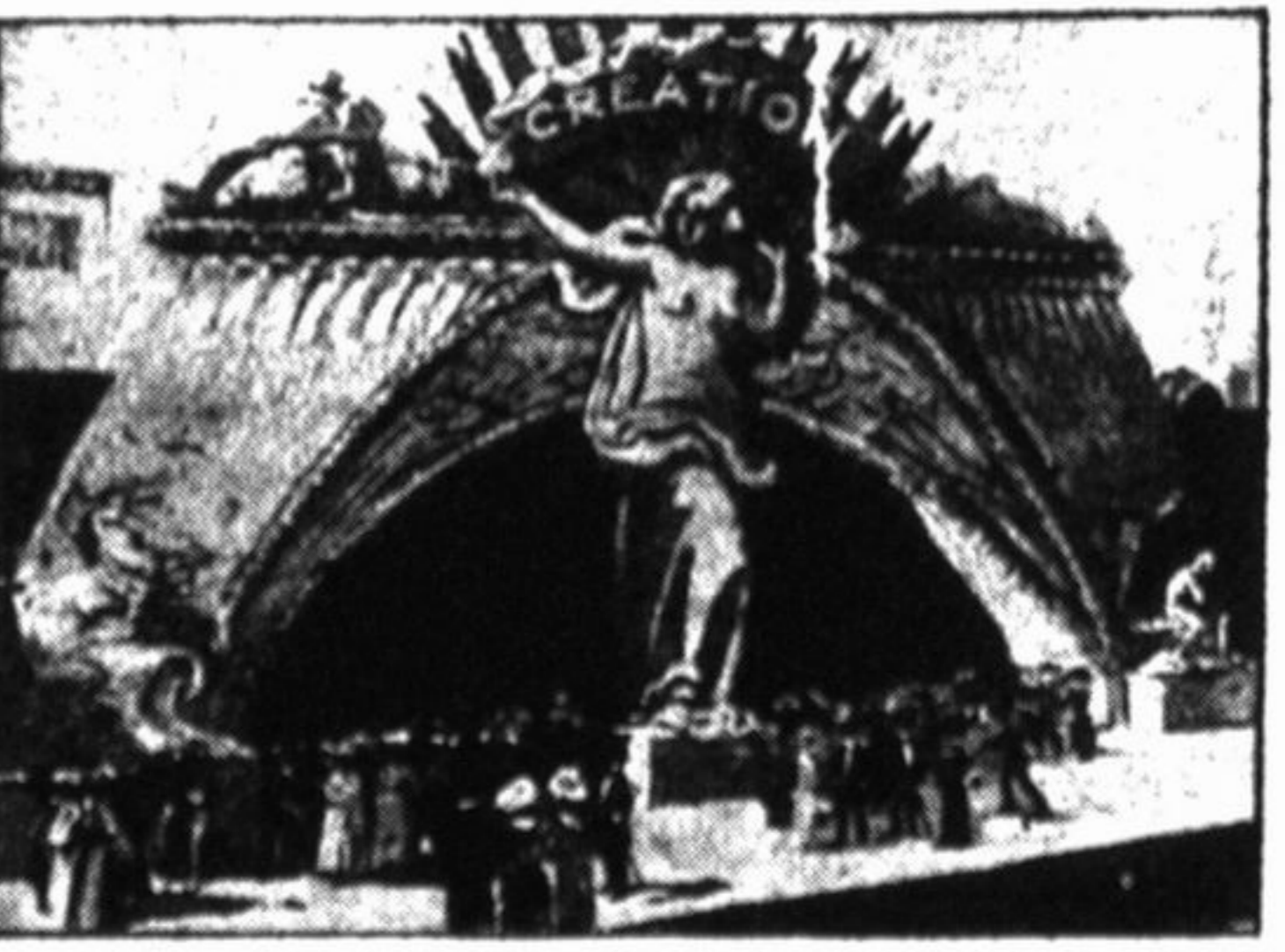
He was born on a farm near Chicago, had a hurriedly, picked-up, quick-kind of an education and married at eighteen. Then he started a little country hardware store from which he consented to emerge to go out the road to sell barbed-wire. He saw its possibilities, he talked it as though it were the one thing in the universe worth considering seriously; he made friends, sales and money, and from the success of the trio started into making barbed-wire with his friend Alfred Clifford, with an investment of \$8,000.

This venture proved so successful that the firm of John W. Gates & Co. was organized by eight friends, each putting in \$2,500. This \$20,000 company cleared \$150,000 the first year; then Gates bought out his partners and reigned alone. In the course of the years this business evolved into the American Steel and Wire Co., of New Jersey, with a capital of \$50,000,000 and a similar company in Illinois with \$24,000,000, and Gates chairman of both. Mr. Gates either boasts or confesses—it is hard to determine which is correct—that he is the father of the Steel Trust. While talking to J. J. Hill in January, 1901, he learned that J. Pierpont Morgan was disturbed over the iron and steel situation. After a conference of several hours Gates suggested that the one way to cut the Gordian knot of difficulty was to bring all the iron and steel industries in the country under one management. A few days later Gates, Morgan and Schwab worked out the details of the plan, later approved by Carnegie and the billion dollar United States Steel Corporation, with its 200,000 employes, was born.

Mr. Gates is an enthusiastic lover of out-door sports, spends much of his time in travel and though only forty-eight his gray hair shows the aging effect of the race for wealth.

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RIVERVIEW EXPOSITION, CHICAGO



Entrance to Creation Building, with Robin's magnificent "Guardian Angel," seventy-three feet high, whose spread wings arch one hundred and fifty feet above the admiring multitudes. In the beautiful marbled ceiling is the largest stage in the world, two hundred and seventy-five feet wide, one hundred and ten feet deep and eighty feet high. Here is enacted in reverential grandeur the great biblical drama of the "Garden of Eden." "Creation" is but one of the thousand attractions at Riverview Exposition.

Among others of former World's Fairs are "Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Nations," combined with "Lawrence Bill's Far East" of oriental dancing, girls, cowboy horsemen, cavali and zouaves, of twice the magnitude of the Buffalo Bill's original display at Chicago's previous Fair. The limitless grounds of this greatest of all expositions affords Col. Cody an opportunity to exhibit on July 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18th aboriginal Indian settlements in natural forests, an exhibit he desired to make at the first Fair but was prevented by inadequate space. As a special feature on these dates fifty Indian villages of Sioux, Kiowa, Apaches and Pawnee will camp in woodlands that fringe the exposition. All railroads lead to Chicago and all its street car lines to Riverview Exposition.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATRE. MAJESTIC THEATER. At the Majestic theater, Chicago, for the week of July 26th, an unusually good bill will be offered, including such notable acts as the famous Grigolati Aerial Ballet, the Duffin-Troupe, Frank Morrell, Peter Donald and Meta Carson, and last, but not least, Kelly and Kent, in one of the best eccentric dancing and comedy acts on the stage. The Grigolati is a European novelty, having been imported to this country several years ago for this great pantomimic productions made by Klaw & Erlanger, but who have since been induced to forsake musical comedy for vaudeville. Half a dozen specially trained girls fly about, led by the celebrated premiere aerialist, Mlle. Floretta. It is one of the prettiest spectacles to see these girls grouped in mid-air in the most picturesque poses, and doves flying and circling about their heads. The Duffin-Reckay troupe are European acrobatic marvels, who perform astounding feats, while Frank Morrell, the California Boy, formerly of "That" Quartette, and George Evans Honey-Boy Minstrels, and now one of the big successes in vaudeville, will sing and tell jokes, and undoubtedly prove himself one of the jolliest black-face entertainers seen at the Majestic in a long time. Peter Donald and Meta Carson, dressed in the kilts of their native Scotland, will appear in a Highland comedy called "Alex McLean's Dream." Kelly and Kent have a comedy number which combines just the right amount of singing, talking and dancing features, while Felix Adler is a comedian who will tell dialect stories. There are a number of other clever people composing this excellent program.

On the Wings of the Twilight. I'd like to be a Wright brother and own an aeroplane. One I could carry in my trunk from Florida to Maine. I'd stop at all the best hotels—about the fifteenth floor—And order all the luxuries delivered at my door. And I would be quite honest with the kindly home men—When it came time to settle I would make it Wright with them.—Boston Traveler.

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