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ASSAILING MR. ROOSEVELT. The man who boldly asserted that Roosevelt was at the bottom of the recent financial crash in the United States was regarded as very illogical.

It was not always explained how the president of the United States could, by his attack on the trusts and corporations, be responsible for the depression in Europe as well as America, not as widespread as at some former periods, but still distressing enough.

But here comes one who is essentially American, a publicist of long standing, ex-Governor Black, of New York, who lays all the industrial and commercial troubles in the land to the president, who regards him as a menace to the nation, who describes him as a boss of most tyrannical mien.

The contribution by Mr. Black to the literature of the times shows that the republican party is disrupted by the Roosevelt policy of publicity respecting the trusts, or denunciation as Mr. Black puts it. The Taft boom, too, is regarded as a Roosevelt boom in another form, and it is assailed in the bitterest spirit.

Most remarkable, also, is the fact that the repudiation of Roosevelt was made in the interest of Hughes, one of the most independent men, and at the same time the most respected because of his unquestionable probity. Hughes is the president's second choice in the succession, but it looks as if the party is not going to let him act the part of a political legator.

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES. It begins to look as if there is an excessive expenditure on the criminals of the country. Something must be done with the man whose evil influences cannot be curbed or cured, but to crib, rabin, and confine him in expensive business.

It may be that the amount spent on jails and prisons would be smaller if the cost of management could be reduced. Not that any man is getting more than he earns, as an officer or administrator, but in the many county jails there is a collective cost that is out of all proportion to the number of prisoners that are confined.

In 1906, which is the last year in which the statistics have been published, the cost of maintenance ran as follows in Ontario: In the jail, \$3 per week; in the Mercer Reformatory, \$9.39 per week; in the Kingston penitentiary, \$5.65 per week; in the several industrial homes, \$3 per week. The total outlay on the 1,837 convicts was \$374,132.94.

Upon the poor of the province, the helpless and indigent, the expenditure is very much less, and it is less begrudged. The cost per week, in the city refuges, was \$2.17 per head per week; in the county refuges, \$1.88 per head per week. On the care of 4,102 persons the expenditure was \$445,257.92.

There is a vast difference between the two kinds of dependents, the criminal and the indigent. The one class, it is true, has to be guarded, and the service is a great expense. At the same time the criminals are, as a rule, better housed and fed, and it is a circumstance that is not at all gratifying. If the jails were less comfortable there would be fewer people in them. If the refuges were more comfortable for the infirm and poor, not the loafers and idlers—they would be just what they ought to be.

THEORY VS. PRACTICE. Some comment has been made in the Commons upon the fact that Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Emmerson, of the dominion house, have gone to New Brunswick to take a hand in the local elections there. Is this a remarkable proceeding?

What about that noisy fellow, Mr. Fowler, who has gone to Kings and Albert to fill the air with his loud talk? What about the lean and hungry Cassius, as Mr. Foster has been called? He went to New Brunswick in the last local appeal, and called on every conservative to cut adrift from that noxious thing a coalition government?

The Crockett incident in the Commons has attracted some attention. It was charged that some former members of the New Brunswick government had not been worthy of the people's confidence, that allegations were made against them, even so. But, as Dr. Pugsley pointed out in his St. John speech, these charges were not pressed.

Mr. Blair, then premier, on the point of going to Europe, offered to abandon his trip and meet the charge-

change has come over the spirits of some people. They have been hypnotized—by Mr. Mackenzie. EDITORIAL NOTES. Old age pensions have been agreed upon by the British political parties. The details are now being discussed.

As far as possible technical students, during their vacations, will be given employment by the government. It is to be commended for this. The old age annuity scheme is all right, but it will not grow in popularity. The old age pension is what the people are clamouring for.

The percentage of persons killed and maimed in the railway service is rising annually. The railway experts must concentrate their attention upon the causes, in order to avoid or abolish them. The Hamilton Times endorses the suggestion of the Whig, that a permanent board of conciliation be appointed. The wisdom of this course becomes more and more apparent with the lapse of time.

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LOOKS THAT WAY. Over 40,000 people own stock in the Grand Trunk railway. Isn't this verging on public ownership? The Ice Men. Toronto News. People at the Brantford banquet informed George E. Foster that he was a Jolly Good Fellow. These folks could be happy at a funeral.

THE GAME TRIUMPHANT. Five o'clock teas having been condemned as dangerous to human life, the fashionable set will be forced to devote itself exclusively to afternoon bridge. A Great Army. The greatest army on earth to-day is the once despised, and frequently sneered at Salvation Army. Its forces are quartered in fifty-two countries, and its commands are given in thirty-one languages.

DELIVERING THE GOODS. Hamilton Spectator. (Saskatoon, N.B.) is to get a big government built wharf and there has been enough indirect talk to warrant the St. John people spending money in test work in Courtney bay with the idea that the G.T.P. will some day locate terminals there. Hon. Mr. Pugsley is delivering the goods.

A CHANGE IN PLANS. Official confirmation is given to the report that the Niagara Development company has disposed of its interests to William Mackenzie, who is the president of the Canadian Northern railway company, and the Radial Railway company. It is announced that the attitude of the Ontario government on the power question made this course necessary. The development company had originally planned to extend its business indefinitely, but later it was deterred from extensions in the west (the territory commanded or assumed for service under the Hydro-Electric commission), and it had not a monopoly of the territory to Toronto, though it had expended millions in plant and extension lines.

In the original franchise from the Ontario government, ratified by act of 1905, it was agreed that the government would not compete with the company in the generation or sale of Niagara power. The company was shut off from selling in any other part of Ontario, except Toronto; was forced to seek a market in the United States, forced to abandon the right of way it had purchased to Brantford, forced to give up the idea of establishing factories on the 650 acres it had bought within three miles of the falls, forced to give up the future business of selling power to electric railways in Western Ontario, and put in a position where it would be impossible to secure further financial aid and complete the undertaking on which already \$5,000,000 had been expended.

Its financial status being affected, there was no help for it but to reorganize the company, and Mr. Mackenzie became the new head of a consolidated business to which the railways and the electric service of Toronto are contradictory. It is stated that the provincial power scheme will not be affected, but the commission, under the new arrangement cannot undertake to compete with the merger, and the new transmission lines will largely be built. The Telegram sees the finish of the government's power scheme, and incidentally the finish of Hon. Mr. Beck. Confirmation is given to this by the remarks of the Mail and World. The Mackenzie plan "harmonizes," in the opinion of Mr. Maclean's paper "with the design of the government to distribute cheap power through the province on the plan of the power commission." The Mail does not see any ground for complaint if Toronto gets power at as low a rate as it could be supplied for by the commission and a city plant. A marvelous

TEDDY A VESUVIUS EX-GOV. BLACK FLOGS THE PRESIDENT.

Sad Day When Americans Discard "In God We Trust" and Adopt "After Me the Deluge." Boston, Feb. 19.—Ex-Gov. Frank S. Black, of New York, who placed President Roosevelt in nomination at the Republican National Convention in 1901, in an address delivered before the Home Market Club, here, last week, called him a despot, charged him with the financial depression and accused the chief executive of a series of crimes which had reached a climax, he said, in an effort to force Secretary Taft on the country as his successor with hardly the preliminary of a convention or an election.

"The country was doing finely," said Mr. Black, "until the culmination last October, of those dangerous, socialistic, un-American doctrines which took away her courage, and started her on a course of wandering and hesitation. Mr. Black told his hearers he repudiated and condemned these "wild and socialistic incoherences." A crisis, he said, was approaching. "Policies consist now of a series of antics. Integrity seems almost a handicap. Public officials are excused from performance if they are gifted in explanation. Crime, always active and persistent, seems even more aggressive now because the new method of punishment is by denunciation instead of by conviction. Nearly everybody is accused, but few are tried. If no crime has been committed it is immoral to charge it. If crime has been committed, why not punish it?"

"Prosperity, but scintillating as the flood, has leaked away, and there along the banks are furnaces with their fires out and idle railroad trains with workmen sleeping in the cars. And yet Vesuvius still continues active. The torrent of vituperation is still tearing on, and the new method of striking is filling the land. Will men build again while these eruptions last? Where is the end and what? Alluding to the president's propudiation of the Taft boom, Mr. Black said: "The most tyrannical trust in existence, today, is the trust in politics. There never has been in the history of this country a bossism so despotic and unscrupulous as that which controls you now. It has already reached that appalling stage where it is sought to fill the highest elective office in the world by executive appointment, without even the safeguard of a confirmation by the senate."

"We have seemingly entered," said the former governor, "upon a national deluge, and whirling the big stick, are running amuck through the institutions of the land. The issue rests with him who thinks. On this reliance I base my confidence, for it will be a sad day for the American people if they discard the words 'In God We Trust' and adopt the motto, 'After me the deluge.'"

The speech was in the interest of Gov. Hughes, New York's candidate for the republican nomination for president. ARRESTED ON SUSPICION. Russia Had to Release An American. Odessa, Feb. 20.—Dr. Dubouchet, the American citizen, who was arrested recently in Odessa on the charge of being connected with the revolutionary organizations, was released yesterday, but was ordered to leave Russia within ten days. When Dr. Dubouchet was taken into custody, the police refused him permission to consult the American consul. The matter was then taken up by Ambassador Riddle, at St. Petersburg, and the foreign office permitted the prisoner to talk with the representative of his country, who soon secured his release.

Dr. Dubouchet probably will join his wife in Switzerland. She is a Russian woman of noble birth, who has been declared a spent-a-large-portion of her fortune in aiding the Russian revolutionary movement. Budget From Farham. Farham, Feb. 19.—Rev. G. O. Teddenick was unable to fill his appointments on Sunday, owing to the condition of the roads. Mrs. A. C. Wagner, who has been confined to her home since the early part of September has recovered so she is able to take a short drive. Visitors: Mrs. J. Bertram, Napton; at W. D. Bertram's, Barney Snider; at J. Goodfellow's, Lena Lowry at her home; W. Hara at William Goodfellow's; L. Killins, McLean, school teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home. Miss Eula Bertram has returned home after spending her holidays with friends at Harrowsmith and Sydenham. Andrew Howes and Mrs. Don Wagner are still very low. C. Godfrey and W. D. Black have gone on a visit to Toronto. Visitor, at R. O. Clow's, has come to stay; a son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagner, are at A. C. Wagar's.

SHARBOT LAKE DOINGS. Sharbot Lake, Feb. 19.—Mr. Blakey is getting better. Invitations are out for a ball on Friday evening. Miss Hattie Avery is visiting friends in Kingston. H. Taylor spent Sunday at J. Thomson's. J. Carey is renewing old acquaintances here. Harold Thomson is visiting friends at Dravonville. Mr. Oford is painting and papering the English church parsonage.

The regular church-attendant is sometimes hard to meet in a horse track. No strict follower of fashion has much time to attend to more sensible matters.

A LAMP EXPLOSION. Smith's Falls, Feb. 20.—Mrs. John Frizelle, a guest at a party given at the home of R. McAdam, accidentally knocked a lighted lamp of a dresser. The lamp ploded and Mrs. Frizelle in putting out the blaze was severely burned about the hands. Three children were lying on a bed nearby and one of them had his hair singed. The flames were extinguished before any further damage was done.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY. Philadelphia Man Accused of \$38,000 Fraud. Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—On a warrant charging him with the forgery of a \$30,000 check on a Quakertown, Pa. Bank, Lewis S. Cox, aged sixty-three, an insurance broker, was arrested after a struggle with two detectives. According to the authorities, it was not until the death of Byron Thomas, president of the Quakertown National Bank, that the alleged forgery was discovered. Other arrests are expected.

Cox, according to the police authorities, admitted the forgery charged against him, and declared his action was taken with the knowledge of Dr. Joseph Thomas, president of the Quakertown National Bank, who died suddenly about two weeks ago. Cox further made the declaration that Dr. Thomas cut his throat, but this statement is denied by members of the Thomas family and the family physician. The warrant for the arrest of Cox was issued at the instance of Byron Thomas, son of the bank president, who recently discovered the forgery.

TO USE PRODUCER GAS. Deseronto, Feb. 20.—The town council has decided to put in a gas producer plant at the pumping station, and a committee was appointed to secure data in respect to the cost of installation. An engine of about 100 horse-power will be required.

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Call Rev. J. V. Smith. Hamilton, Feb. 20.—Centenary Methodist church has extended a call to Rev. J. V. Smith, pastor of Central Methodist church, Toronto, to succeed Rev. Richard Whiting, who goes to London at the end of his term here. Rev. Dr. Smith was pastor of Central Methodist church here twelve years ago.

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