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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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These cartoons have been reprinted in the hope that they may have a permanent interest because of the great historical importance of the period they encompass. In the last two or three years the world has moved with more than its usual alacrity. It has been a history-making epoch. There has been a war that WAS a war. There have been disasters almost without parallel; and we have weathered as pleasant a presidential campaign as the oldest inhabitant can remember. Mr. Roosevelt has been insured to us for another four years and his activities in peace and in war and in sports have been a source of unending inspiration to the cartoonist. In addition, the nation has achieved merited glory because of the great exposition held in St. Louis, and last, but not least, Missouri has taken it into her head to go Republican.

The importance of these affairs is our excuse for hoping that the cartoons appearing in this collection may have more than an ephemeral interest, and with respectful humility, we hereby dedicate them to that grand old man—sometimes so foolish but always so well-meaning—our Uncle Sam.

*John T. McCutcheon
October 18, 1905*

THE
Mysterious Stranger

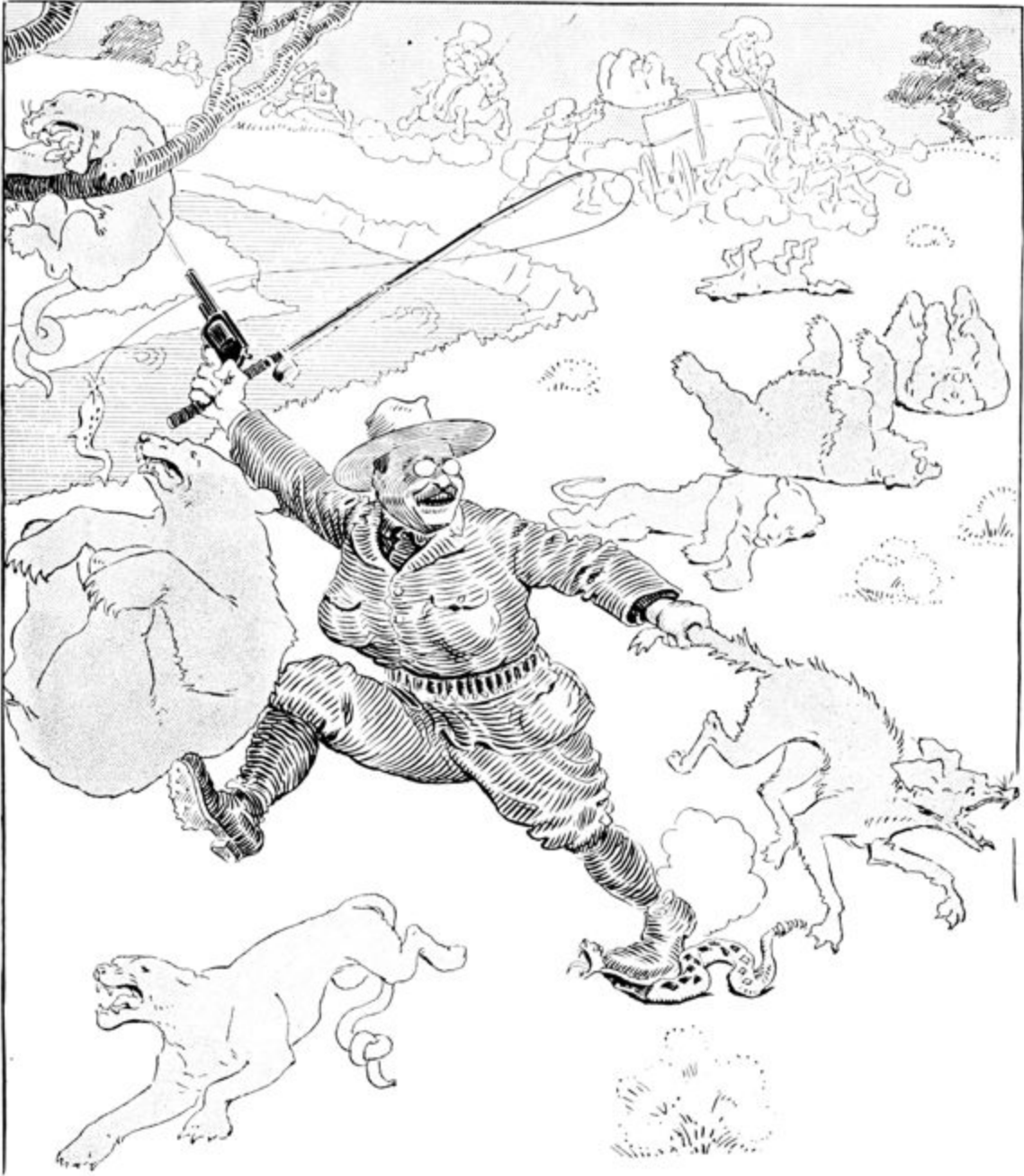
AND
OTHER CARTOONS

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY



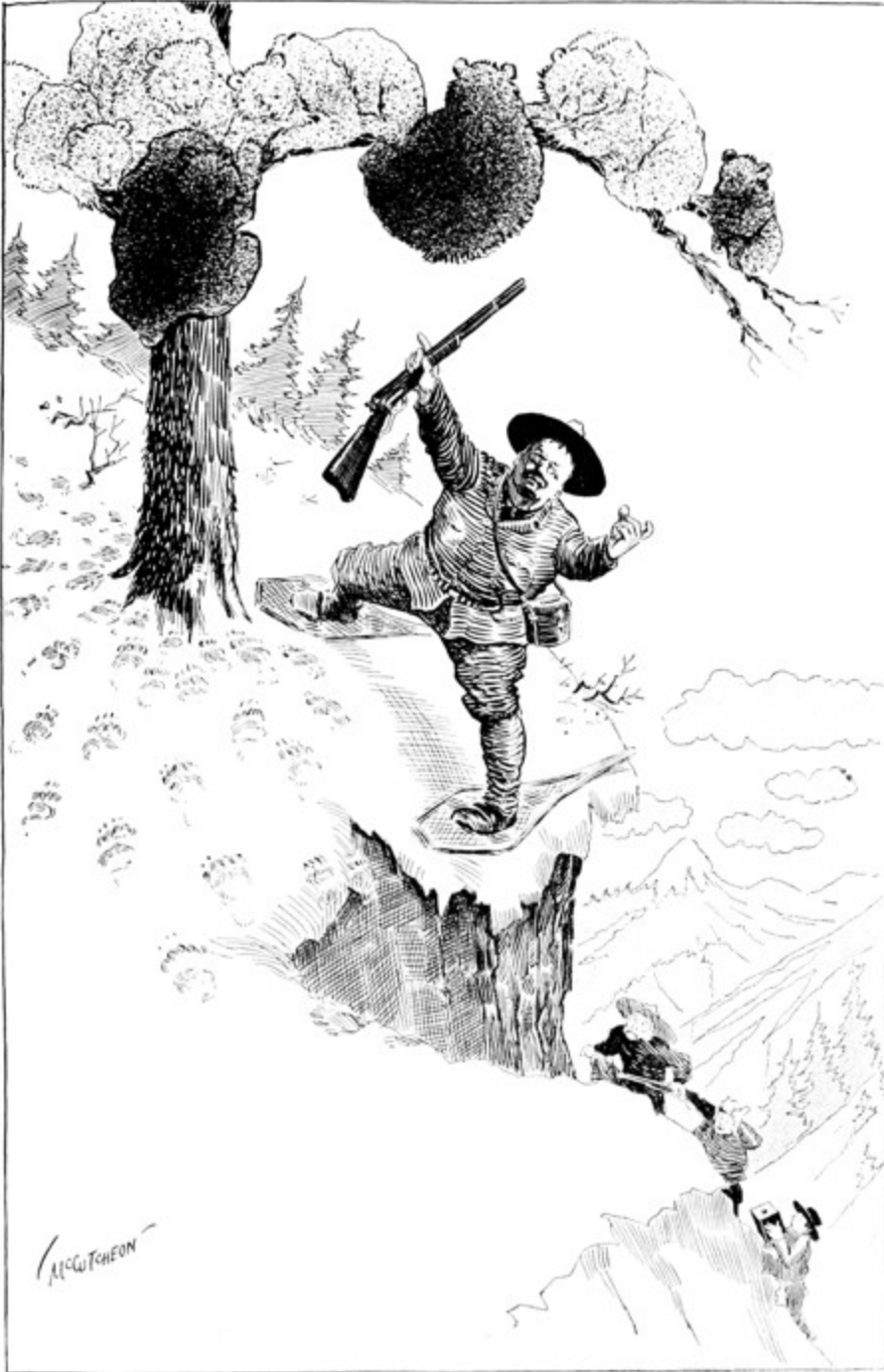
He Arrives in "San Antone" to Attend a Reunion of the Rough Riders.

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY



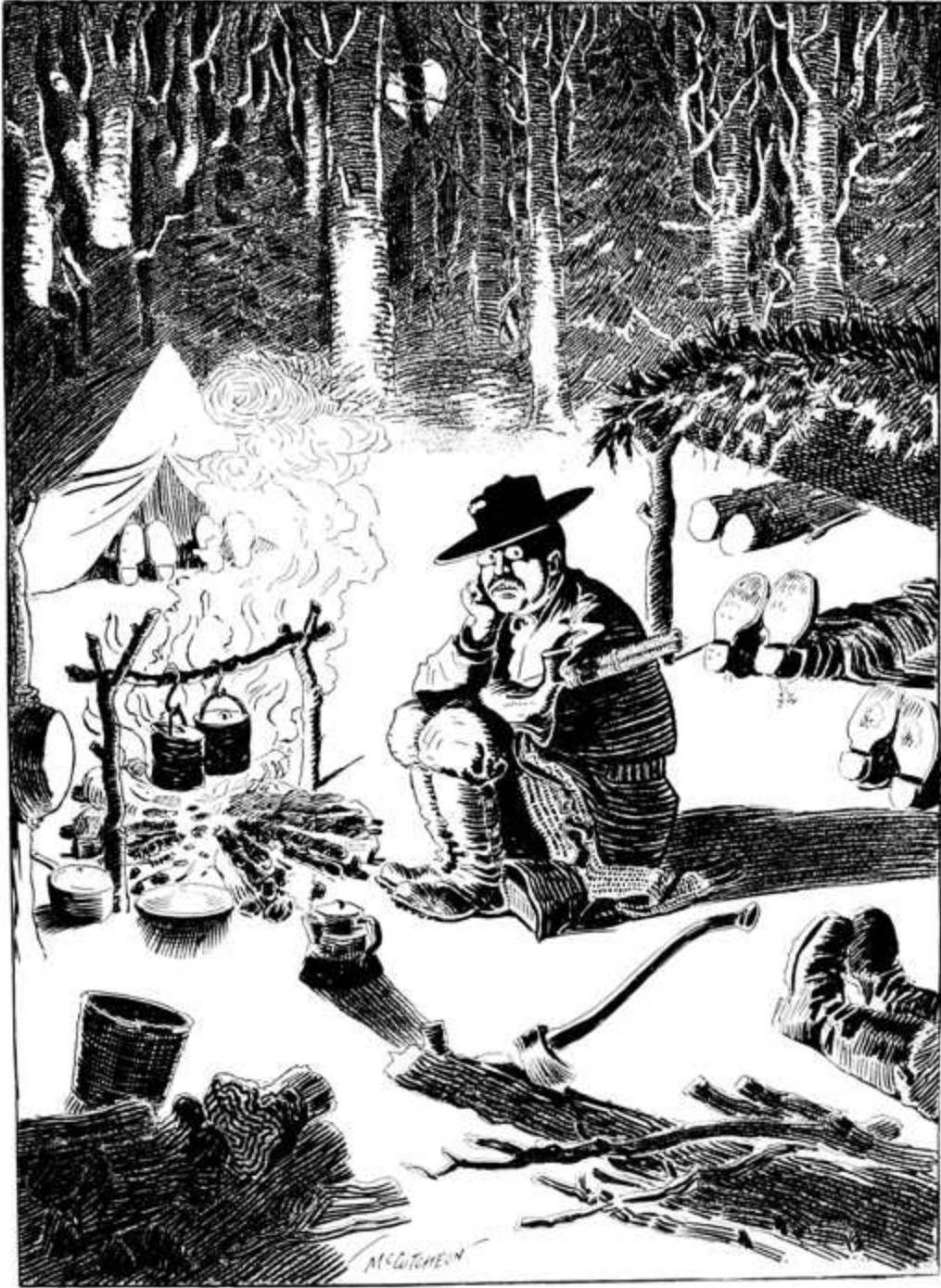
McClellan
A Quiet Day

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY



"Hurry up, boys! I've got 'em treed."

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY



"I wish the boys'd get up. Here I've had breakfast ready an hour."

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY



"The President has been on the trail of a grizzly for four days."

—News Item.

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY



"Come on, boys! I've got 'em cornered."

A BOY IN SPRINGTIME



"Every time I think of her, I have the queerest feeling, kind o' like a painless stomach ache, only not so much. I wonder why?"

A BOY IN SPRINGTIME



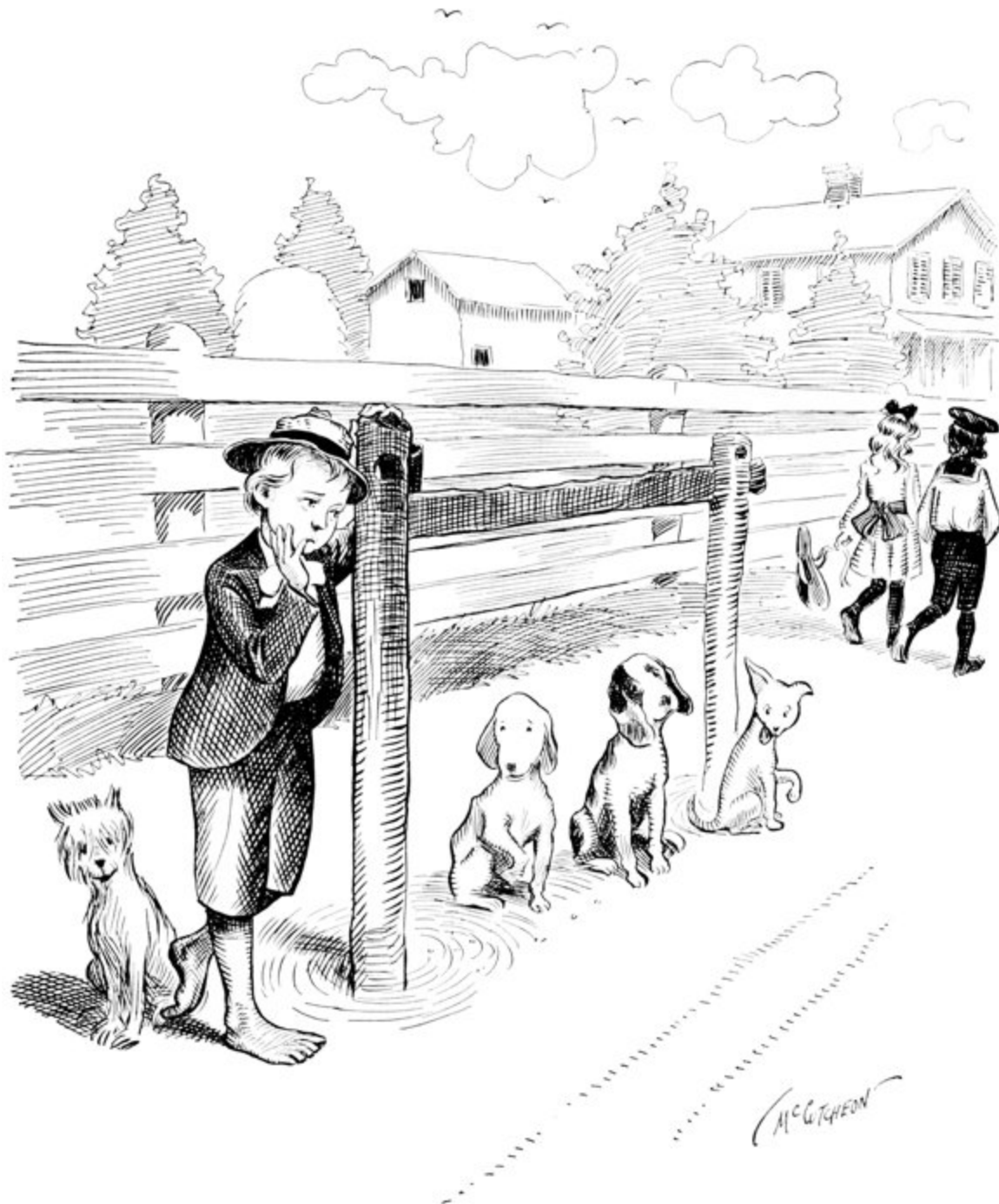
"No, honest, cross my heart, you're the first girl I ever said it to."

A BOY IN SPRINGTIME



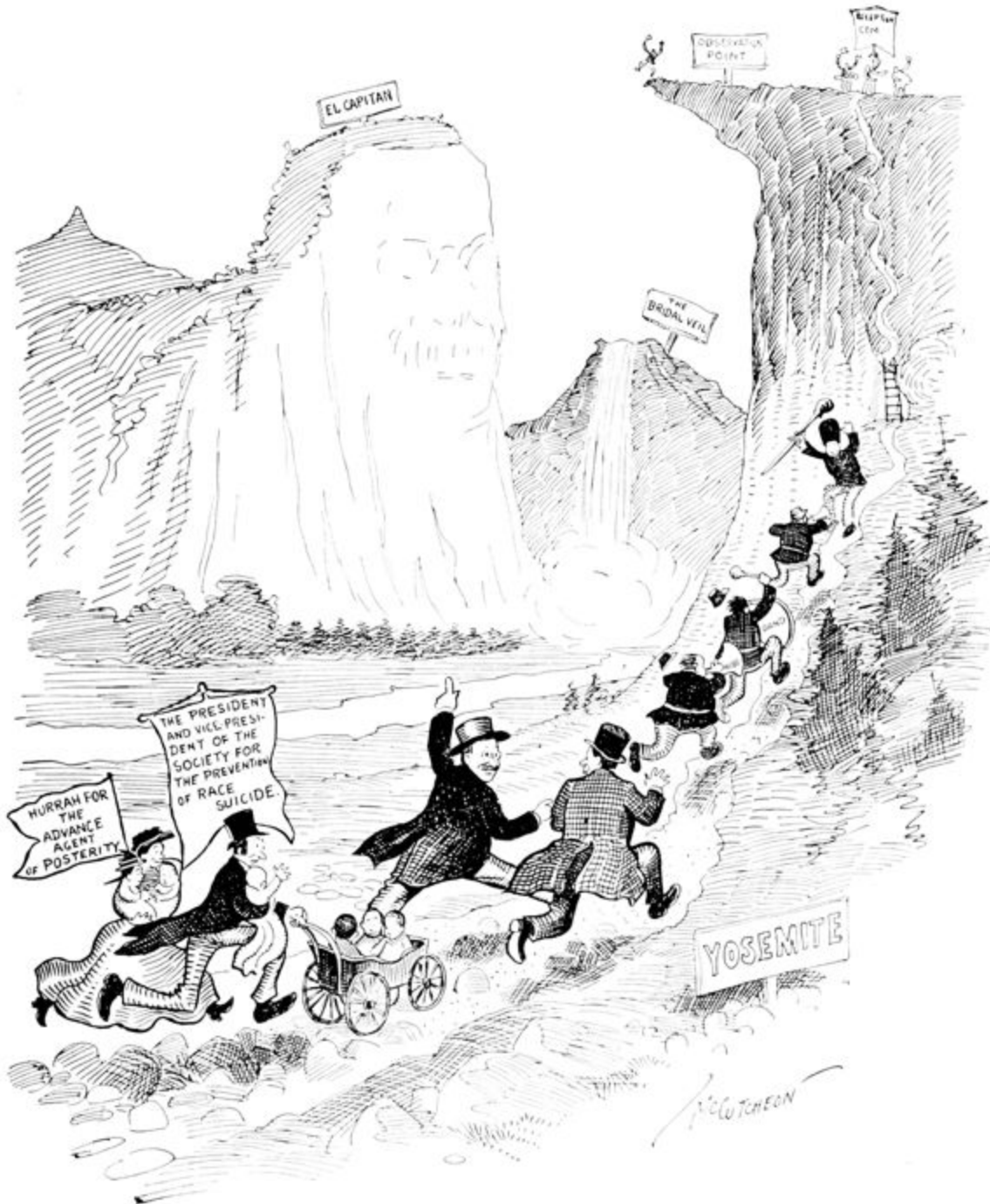
"For the land's sake, child, what ails you, anyway. How many times must I call you to come to your supper?"

A BOY IN SPRINGTIME



"Some day she'll be sorry she treated me this away. I'll go 'way and make lots o' money and come back here riding in a carriage with four white horses, and when she tries to ketch my eye I'll pertend I never seen her before."

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IN YOSEMITE VALLEY



"That ought to be 'El Colonel' instead of 'El Capitan.' Oughtn't it?"

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IN THE GRAND CANYON



"Magnificent! It looks like the tented field of a Titan Host! It's the most beautiful view I've ever seen—Not an office seeker in sight!"

THE PRESIDENT: "I'M HAVING A DELIGHTFUL TIME HERE IN CHICAGO, BUT I MISS MY DAILY EXERCISE"

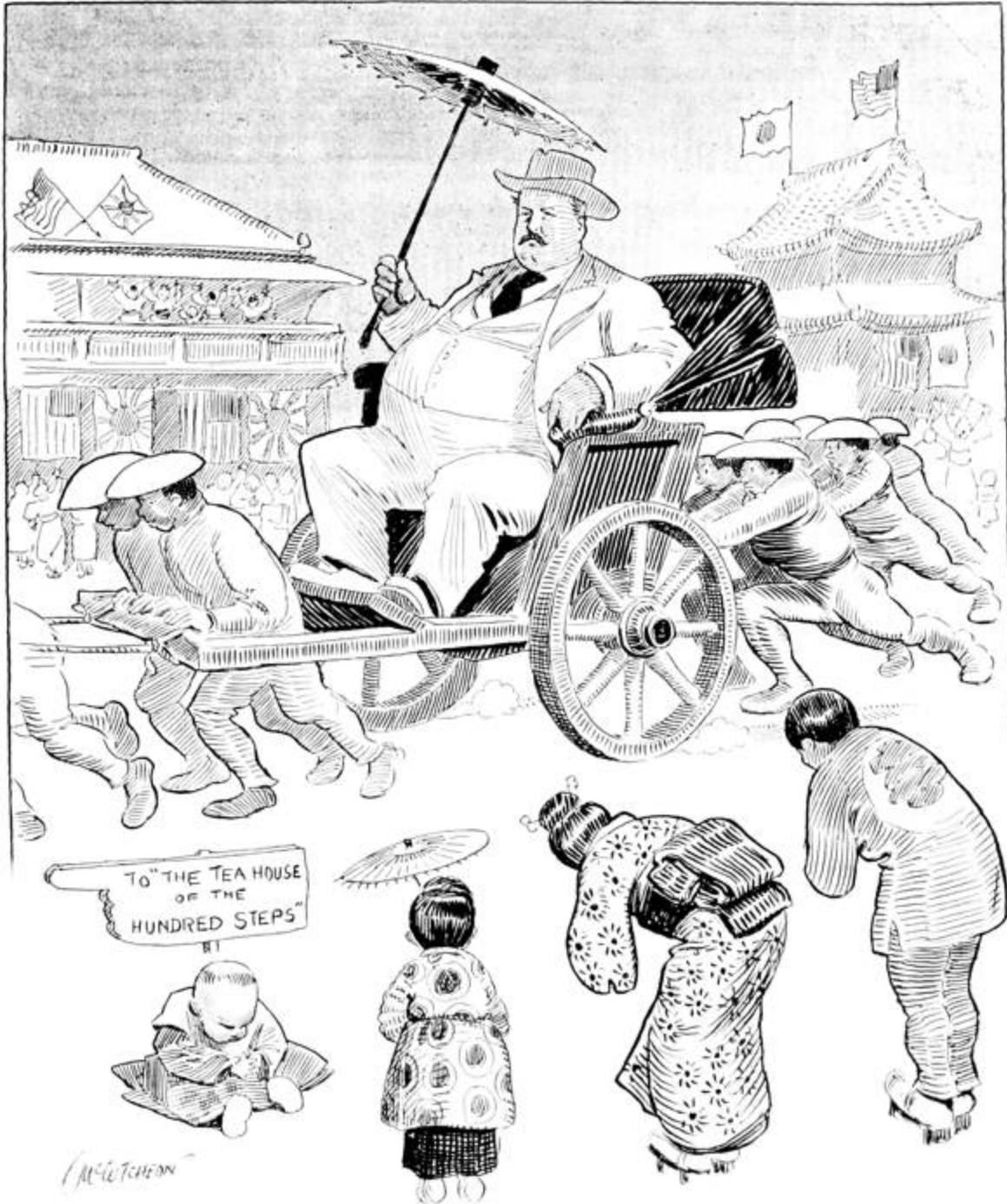


SECRETARY TAFT IN JAPAN



"I remind myself of Napoleon before the Sphinx. I wonder if it can tell me who will be the next President of the U.S.A.?"

SECRETARY TAFT IN JAPAN



"No wonder the Japs make good soldiers. They've certainly solved the transportation problem all right."

A BOY IN SUMMER-TIME



July 3, 1903.

McWhorter

"Just look how much I saved for the Fourth. Ma give me a dime 'n I sold a copper boiler to Johnson Bros. for twelve cents. I got sixteen cents for picking cherries for Mrs. Oliver, 'n a nickel for carrying a note for Mr. Hornbeck, 'n fi' cents I got for picking potato bugs for Mrs. Oliver, 'n ten cents for finding Mr. Griswold's cow. And I'm gunna spend it all for shootin' crackers and fire 'em all off just for you."

A BOY IN SUMMER-TIME



"I bet they're jealous because they ain't boys, too."

A BOY IN SUMMER-TIME