Teddy Roosevelt Changes the Presidency and America

CHAPTER 8 SECTION 4
Theodore Roosevelt

- Asst. Sec of Navy
  - Advocate for war against Spain 1898

- “The Rough Riders”
  - 1st US Volunteer Cavalry
  - Battle of San Juan Hill
    - Kettle Hill
“The most serious loss that I and the regiment could have suffered befell just before we charged. Bucky O'Neill was strolling up and down in front of his men, smoking his cigarette, for he was inveterately addicted to the habit. He had a theory that an officer ought never to take cover - a theory which was, of course, wrong, though in a volunteer organization the officers should certainly expose themselves very fully, simply for the effect on the men“. As O'Neill moved to and fro, his men begged him to lie down, and one of the sergeants said, "Captain, a bullet is sure to hit you." O'Neill took his cigarette out of his mouth, and blowing out a cloud of smoke laughed and said, "Sergeant, the Spanish bullet isn't made that will kill me." A little later he discussed for a moment with one of the regular officers the direction from which the Spanish fire was coming. As he turned on his heel a bullet struck him in the mouth and came out at the back of his head; so that even before he fell his wild and gallant soul had gone out into the darkness.

Theodore Roosevelt
ROOSEVELT PRESIDENCY

- Became President in 1901
- Model of future presidents
- Federal responsibility for national welfare
- “Bully Pulpit”
THE SQUARE DEAL

- Trust Busting
- 1902 Coal Strike
- Elkins Act 1903
- Hepburn Act 1906
- Meat Inspection Act
- Pure Food and Drug Act
- Conservation
TRUST BUSTING

- Used Sherman Antitrust Act
  + Northern Securities Company
    - 1904 the Supreme Court dissolved the company
- Filed 44 Antitrust lawsuits
1902 COAL STRIKE

- 140,000 miners went on strike in Pennsylvania
  - Wanted: 20% raise, 9hr day, right to have a union
- Roosevelt sent Arbitration Commission
  - Developed settlement
- Public welfare
RAILROAD REGULATION

- Elkins Act 1903
  - No rebates

- Hepburn act 1906
  - Gave ICC the power to create “Fair and Reasonable” rates
MEAT INSPECTION ACT

- *The Jungle*
  - by Upton Sinclair

- TR response to public criticism

- Pushed for passage of Meat Inspection Act 1906
PURE FOOD AND DRUG ACT
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Sticker:
- **DOSE**
  - Five days old, 5 drops
  - Two weeks old, 8 drops
  - Five years old, 25 drops
  - Adults, 1 Teaspoonful

Guaranteed by Stickney & Poor Spice Co., Boston, Mass., under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906, Serial No. 47
PURE FOOD AND DRUG ACT

COCAIN TOOTHACHE DROPS
Instantaneous Cure!
PRICE 15 CENTS.
Prepared by the
LLOYD MANUFACTURING CO.
126 Hudson Ave., Albany, N.Y.
For sale by all Druggists.
(Registered March 1895.)
Manufacturers claimed to have remedies that did not work.

Children’s Medicine contained Opium, cocaine, and alcohol.

Pure Food and Drug Act 1906

Called for truthful labeling.
CONSERVATION

- Gifford Pinchot
  - Appointed head of the US Forest Service
- National Reclamation Act of 1902
  - Money from sale of public lands in the west went to large-scale irrigation projects
ROOSEVELT AND JOHN MUIR

- John Muir was one of the most influential naturalist in America
- His writings influenced T.R.
- T.R. and Muir meet in Yellowstone National Park in 1903