



The Biggest Scare and Hoax Yet!--The Wild Animals Let Loose Again by the Zoomorphism Press, from "Harper's Weekly"

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Primary Maker

Thomas Nast

Medium

Wood engraving on newsprint

Description

Animals with spears as faces or on horn charge towards right side of photo. In background building labeled "U.S / wild / bayonet / menace / zoological arsenal." Sights papers throughout illustration have various political headlines. Illustration in square in upper left corner shows a man with a lion head standing on platform labelled "White House". In front of stand is a group of snakes, one snake body reads "Rumor", another "Scandal press.", and another "Copper head press." A knife going into group of snakes has a blade reading "The president's / message" and a handle reading "Truth." In box above illustration reads "'Still another outrage.'", in box below illustration reads "More gnawing to be done." Illustration in square in upper right corner shows a man force feeding a man with donkey head round object reading "The / president's / message / truth. / Fact" Above man sign reads "White House". Two other donkeys in illustration have round objects reading "The truth / facts" in mouths. Quote in square in lower right corner reads "Pres. Grant's Message / of / 'apology,' / for letting the / wild bayonets loose / and causing / such an awful / calamity / in the / country. / His message is quite a differ- / -ent document from the one / originally prepared / (by the press.) / the country is safe again, / and people may walk the / streets once more." Illustration occupies spread, attached to pages 115-120. Four part illustration on page 120 titled "Christian Work in the Streets--the Raw Material."

Dimensions

Composition: 13 1/2 x 20 1/4 in. (34.3 x 51.4 cm) Sheet (a): 15 13/16 x 10 7/8 in. (40.2 x 27.6 cm) Sheet (b): 15 13/16 x 10 15/16 in. (40.2 x 27.8 cm)