Columbia: "He's not only been abusing Billie, but the little Wilson girl says she never heard such language!"

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IMAGE DESCRIPTION: Columbia brings Theodore Roosevelt to Uncle Sam for a scolding. Uncle Sam is seated at his desk and wears a vest with the stars of the American flag. Next to Roosevelt stands Woodrow Wilson, who is depicted as a little girl. He wears a dress and hair bow. William Taft holds Columbia's hand and is crying. The cartoon pokes fun at the political disagreement between Taft and Roosevelt. The pair had been political allies and friends, and Roosevelt had even helped Taft win the presidency in 1908. However, tensions grew between them when Roosevelt accused Taft of becoming too conservative and of abandoning the progressive policies of the party. The disagreement caused a rift within the Republican Party, and in 1912, Roosevelt campaigned against Taft for president. Both men lost the election to the Democratic candidate, Woodrow Wilson.

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