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ROOSEVELT AND WADSWORTH.

As the outcome of the severe and rather intemperate attacks made upon President Roosevelt by ex-Representative Wadsworth, the hand of the administration in New York political affairs is plainly shown. Mr. Wadsworth was chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and for twenty years represented the Genesee Valley district of New York. When the question of the examination and labeling of meat products was under discussion Mr. Wadsworth became involved in a dispute with the President which resulted in the exchange of several sharp letters.

At the last session of Congress Mr. Wadsworth quoted his letters to the President and undertook to show that his criticisms of certain proposed legislation in connection with the meat inspection were justified by the fact that they had not been enacted and there was no demand for them.

About this time the commission of a number of postmasters in Mr. Wadsworth's district were expiring and he made recommendations for their reappointment. These were disregarded and those made by Mr. Porter were approved. Then the President called for the resignation of Archie D. Sanders, collector of Internal Revenue of the Western District of New York.

the hands of Governor Hughes in New York and that the removal of Mr. Sanders and the appointment of a successor likely to be more in sympathy with Mr. Hughes' administration is merely a part of that program. It has also been pointed out at the White House that Mr. Porter is the Congressman from the district formerly represented by Mr. Wadsworth and therefore his wishes are to be respected in the matter of appointments rather than those of his predecessor.

Naturally enough the difference between Mr. Wadsworth and the President have created the impression that the latter is also hostile toward young Mr. Wadsworth, who is speaker of the New York Assembly. It is emphatically denied at the White House that any such hostility exists. The President did not object to his re-election as speaker and it is said that when certain friends of Governor Hughes undertook to criticize or to oppose Mr. Wadsworth, Jr., the President exerted his influence to have them called off.

Former Congressman Wadsworth has often been termed the "Baron of the Genesee Valley." He comes of distinguished ancestry, long located in that section, and the proprietors of many broad acres. The family has always been distinguished in war and politics and has been represented in every war from the revolution to the present, Mr. Wadsworth, Sr., serving in the Civil and his son in the Spanish-American war.

WEAKNESS OF THE JURY SYSTEM

It probably would not be entirely just to make the charge of cowardice against jury men who fail to agree on verdicts, but it is none the less a fact that "hung" juries are fast coming to be the rule, with verdicts in trials involving the death penalty or long imprisonment terms. This fact is simply an illustration of the weakness of the jury system in our courts. Theoretically, trial by jury is the fairest possible sort of a trial. In fact, jury trials have become far different things from what the system was intended to guarantee.

We have just had another instance in the trial of a state senator in Little Rock, Ark., involving the possibility of a long term in the penitentiary. His twelve peers simply would not assume the responsibility of making a convict of him. It would not be just, perhaps, to accuse any individual member of either of the juries, or of other juries that follow the same course, of shirking their duty. They are but men. They do not serve on juries from choice; the duty is thrust upon them and is often a great hardship. It is in reality no more to their interest than to the interest of any other citizen that the man brought before them accused of crime shall go to death or to penal servitude.

It need not be matter of great surprise if men under such circumstances "follow the line of least resistance," and agree to disagree. It is the easiest way out of an unpleasant situation, and even though it is a costly one to the state, jurymen are but human. Mistrials through jury disagreements are almost every day occurrences.

Judge Samuel H. Cowan of Texas, who has studied the railroad question thoroughly, has been in consultation with the President. Judge Cowan says that when the Texas rate cases come up the railroads will be asked to explain the entries for "sundries" and particularly in the legal department. It is anticipated that when the railroads are called on the produce vouchers for the money expended by their legal department, they will show the white feather. The money spent by insurance companies for ostensibly "legal" services, which is popularly known as the "Yellow Dog Fund" is a bagatelle compared to that expended under similar circumstances by the railroads.

It is dangerous for millionaires to talk these days. Senator Elkins was asked about politics, and laughingly declared that the country was sure to have a good President next time, even if Bryan was elected. "Ah, ha!" said a Roosevelt man, "there is a part of the conspiracy. Of course Steve Elkins is in it! Bryan to beat Roosevelt! These fellows are bound to give themselves away." And thus are deep, dark plots disclosed. Is Bryan to be "tagged" as conspirator's candidate?

A Washington correspondent writes that the President is "calmly awaiting the next move of his enemies." Just notice the word "calmly." Wonder what Mr. Roosevelt will call that correspondent?

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The man who committed suicide in a New York hotel and left a note saying that the cause was betting on horses, and that he was going to heaven, guessed as wrong, probably on the latter point as he did on the winners.

Funny how things come about. Now here we have a war among the architects stopping the work on the big palace in which the coming court at the Hague is expected to be held.

If winter does not hurry and get out of the lap of spring, somebody is going to start a scandal.

Judging from the rapid increase in crime among the Italians, Sicily has handed us more than lemons.

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS

Joseph B. Foraker, political monologue artist, has engagements on the Ohio circuit that cover the entire summer.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

It is generally conceded that the engineer work on the Panama canal is much superior to its "glad-hand" department.—Washington Star.

Andrew Carnegie is for peace. It will manage to pull through several winters if the Government never buys another armor plate.—Chicago News.

A man was fined \$5 in Norfolk police court for calling another man a liar. He neglected to equip himself with a Federal license.—Norfolk Landmark.

However, pending the perfection of that scheme for burning ashes, you might as well have the winter's accumulation removed in the interest of the City Beautiful.—Indianapolis News.

Fire escapes placed upon the White House indicate that between now and 1908 the President intends to receive those campaign fund contributions in a star chamber.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Secretary "Bill" Taft was lowered by block and tackle in the canal pit, say the dispatches from Colon. Evidently they are making fine progress in digging the big ditch after all, if they have a hole large enough to admit Secretary Taft.—Birmingham News.

Having weighed the soul of a man the new school is confronted with the question: "What of the soul of a woman." Pass on the question to the Mahometan world.—Florida-Times-Union.

Hard Times in Kansas. The old days of grasshoppers and drought are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today; although a citizen of Codell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold cure and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by The Ideal Pharmacy. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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