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EXIT ROOSEVELT—ENTER TAFT.

At 12 o'clock noon in Washington today, which by the way, happens to be 2 o'clock tomorrow morning, at 12 o'clock in Manila, another American possession, Roosevelt will turn over the office of chief magistrate of the nation to Hon. William H. Taft and the former will become a private citizen of the United States.

Alternately the Daily Press has criticized and praised Mr. Roosevelt's official acts. This course was deemed perfectly proper because of the two-sidedness, or rather the many-sidedness of the man in the White House.

As examples of President Roosevelt's peculiarly fluctuating temperament may be cited his action in defying and offending Southern sentiment by inviting Booker Washington to a luncheon in the White House.

But it was not long thereafter that the President issued his famous order discharging without honor a whole battalion of negro troops for acts of violence committed by a minority of the four companies in a Southern town.

His second appointment of Crum to the collectorship at Charleston, S. C., which was announced a month ago appeared in the light of another deliberate affront to the Southern deliberation of the country. But in less than two weeks, the variable chief executive issued an order restoring to the tablet on the Cabin John bridge near Washington the name of Jefferson Davis which had been chiseled off during the period of civil strife nearly half a century ago.

By taking an interest in practically every question and subject, official, quasi-official and unofficial that has engaged the minds of any section of the American people during his seven years incumbency, President Roosevelt has managed to keep himself continuously in the public eye.

Considering the number and volume of his pen productions, his speeches, and the variety of his athletic pursuits and hunting exploits, it is no wonder that many persons should inquire: "When did President Roosevelt sleep?"

An influential United States senator from the State of Oregon belonging to the President's own political party was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary through governmental agencies which Mr. Roosevelt was the first President; with the courage to set at work.

Yet, on the other hand, he defended and protected Paul Morton, who for a time was secretary of the navy, and whom special attorneys general appointed to investigate railroad rebating, declared was one of the most culpable violators of the United States anti-rebating law while holding a high position with the Santa Fe railroad system.

The methods by which the canal zone was taken away from Columbia have been criticized, and perhaps fairly from the standpoint of international equity. The fact stands out

clearly, however, that the great trans-continental railroads for twenty-five years or more had been able to defeat every move which had for its object the construction of an isthmian canal. This waterway, when finished, will cut very deeply into the revenues of the Pacific railroads.

The situation which confronted the President was: Shall the United States acquire a canal route by might, or shall there be no canal?

It is a question which every citizen must decide for himself whether the President acted wisely in making national expediency paramount over international justice.

That Mr. Roosevelt in 1903 apprehended that Senator Hanna would be able to defeat his nomination in 1904 is evidenced by this abstract of a magazine article found below, which also contains some startling views with regard to the relations between the wage earners and the drawers of dividends and a prophecy of his unpopularity when he should leave the White House.

The article says: "Lindsay Denison, the well known newspaper and magazine writer, contributes to the March number of The Circle Magazine a remarkable article in which he details a hitherto unreported conversation with Theodore Roosevelt. The conversation took place at a time when the President little expected ever to be elected to his office, believing that the machine of his party had marked him for destruction. He throws some interesting light on the events of those days, in 1903, when Odell and Platt first began their quarrel in New York State, at the instigation of Mark Hanna, the President says, for the purpose of overthrowing him.

"If you have read the New York newspapers," Mr. Denison quotes him, "you have seen the appearance on the horizon of a cloud no bigger than a man's hand—a quarrel between Odell and Platt. Neither of them knew, but Hanna is the man who started them fighting. Sooner or later it will become the bone of the quarrel and a subject for elimination. Then Indiana will be discovered to be for Hanna, reluctant though he may be to listen to such a call. Other States will be in doubt, but with New York and Indiana against me wouldn't I be foolish to look forward to being elected President of the United States?"

"But," continued the President, "it were by any means to happen, there are three things I should like to do: "I should like to see our navy properly increased and improved. We must sooner or later have a great navy or be a subordinate nation. I would like to be the sponsor of an adequate navy.

"Cuba and our other island dependencies must be started fairly on the road to freedom. I would like to be the President of the United States who signed the papers.

"But third, this: The time is coming in this country for a readjustment between the wage earner and the drawer of dividends. The radicals are almost half right. Corporation cunning has developed faster than the law of nation or State. It is undoubtedly true that corporations have found ways to steal long before we have found that they were susceptible of punishment for theft.

"But sooner or later, unless there is a season of readjustment, there will come a riotous, wicked, murderous day of atonement. It is true that other fortunes are being accumulated honestly but illegally. There must come, in the proper growth of this nation, a readjustment. If it is not to come by sword and powder and blood it must come by peaceful compromise. These fools in Wall street think that they can go on forever! They can't! I would like to be elected President of the United States to be the buffer between their foolishness and the wrath that is surely to come—unless they sober up.

"It will be a thankless job. The President who attempts it will leave the White House more unpopular than even Grover Cleveland was when he left the White House. But I would like to be that President of the United States."

SECOND EXHIBIT OF STAND-PAT GAME.

Following the testimony given by Mr. Carnegie before the House ways and means committee, taking issue with the views of Chairman Gary of the steel trust regarding the tariff rates on steel, the Daily Press predicted that a campaign of coercion would be inaugurated by the great interests, which are inordinately protected, against tariff revision.

It will be remembered that the chairman of the steel trust appealed to the committee, not in behalf of the great corporation which he heads, but on behalf of its weaker rivals. A lowering of the tariff rates on steel he philanthropically extended, might operate to put his trade opponents out of business.

Apparently apprehending that Congress might regard this class of argument in a Pickwickian light, Chairman Gary shortly afterward announced it as the purpose of the steel trust to reduce prices upon its productions

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In order to meet cuts by the independent steel companies—the same independents, he it remembered in whose behalf he had so urgently appealed to the tariff revision committee to maintain the Dingley schedule on steel.

This newspaper also predicted that pressure would be brought to bear upon the workmen in the employ of the extortionate corporations in order that the forthcoming session of Congress might be held to a stand-pat tariff policy.

In confirmation of this forecast and of the expressed suspicion that the various unreasonably protected industrial corporations, big and little, would line up in a common cause, came on Tuesday last the following press dispatch from Buffalo, N. Y., which indicates that the workmen have got to pay the expenses of the stand-patters' campaign:

"A reduction of 10 per cent, in the wages of practically every employe of the Lackawanna Steel Company went into effect today. The Lackawanna is one of the largest independent concerns outside of the Gary plant, and this is the first announcement of a cut in wages from the independents since the war of prices with the United States Steel Corporation began."

DRUGGIST A SUICIDE.

Preparing to Quit Town, Puts Bullet Through Heart. VIRGINIA, VA., March 3.—R. F. Eubank, who has been engaged in the drug business here for several years, and had just placed his furniture aboard a car to move with his family to Elizabeth City, N. C., committed suicide at 8:20 o'clock this morning by firing a bullet through his heart.

The tragedy caused much excitement, as the friends of the family had been expecting to see them depart within the next few hours for North Carolina.

Mr. Eubank's widow and five children were greatly overcome by the self-destruction of the head of their household, and have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

Mr. Eubank formerly lived in South Boston, and was married to a Miss Sheppard, daughter of W. H. Sheppard, of that place.

It is thought despondency was the cause of the act.

The Japanese Bible.

It is said that when the Bible was translated into Japanese an equivalent to the word "baptize" was not to be found, and the word "soak" had to be used instead, so that the Japanese are acquainted with a person of the name of "John the Soaker," and with a doctrine of "soaking for the remission of sins."

Soldiers on Skates.

A corps of skaters is attached to the Norwegian army, the members being men selected for good physique and accurate marksmanship. These skaters can be maneuvered upon ice or over the mountain snow fields with as great rapidity as the best trained cavalry, and as an instance of their speed, one of the corps, some little time back accomplished 120 miles in 18 1/2 hours, over mountainous country.—From Tits-Bits

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MAY NOT MAKE ANSWER

Reported in Washington That Mann May Maintain Silence.

CONTRARY REPORT FROM RICHMOND

Washington Paper Says Judge Mann's Friends in That City Maintain That Candidate's Position Already is Sufficiently Understood by the Public.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—The Washington Herald of today says: "In Virginia political circles in Washington, the statement was made last night that Judge William Hodges Mann, candidate for governor of Virginia, who is supported by many anti-revolution leaders and the Democratic state 'organization' leaders, will not answer the questions pronounced to him by many Virginia newspapers, in which information is sought regarding his attitude toward state-wide prohibition legislation the legislature of Virginia may pass during the next gubernatorial term.

A prominent Virginia political leader in Washington is authority for the statement. He said he has received 'inside' information from Virginia to the effect that Judge Mann has decided to ignore the question.

Says Friends Counsel Silence. Many newspapers in the state which are supporting Judge Mann take the position that the Nottoway candidate should not answer the question as to what is his attitude toward prospective prohibition legislation. They hold that Judge Mann is a candidate upon a local option platform, and therefore his position is known.

Harry St. George Tucker, another candidate for governor, has answered the question. He said that he would veto an act of the legislature which called for prohibition by legislative enactment, but he would feel compelled to approve an act submitting the question to the people for decision.

Judge Mann recently made a statement in which he said he would outline his position on all questions arising in the campaign.

Contrary Report in Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA., March 3.—The Journal today says: "The Journal's information is precisely the opposite of that printed in Washington. A friend of Judge Mann's—one conceded to be close to him—asserted with marked positiveness yesterday that the Nottoway candidate when he 'got good and ready,' would fully explain his platform and answer all the questions propounded him. It was further said that he would explain in no uncertain way, just what he would do, if given contingencies arose and would not seek to evade any interrogatories, and especially those pertaining to state-wide prohibition.

DANIEL DEMANDS PAY.

Virginia Senator Insistent That Old Claim be Settled. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—Declaring that no senator had any right to protest against the claim of the State of Virginia from the Federal government for \$120,000 advanced to erect public buildings in the District of Columbia in 1788, Senator Daniel closed a heated debate in the Senate yesterday.

The item, together with a similar provision for the State of Maryland, was carried in the general deficiency bill, and had been made subject to a point of order by Senator Burkett of Nebraska. The Nebraskan contended that the items were private claims, and should not be paid.

Unable to conceal his dismay that these old claims should be treated with such little consideration, the Virginian arose, and in stirring terms cautioned his colleagues that the claim was based upon a loan made in good faith by a Commonwealth, and was a public instead of a private claim.

To support his contention, Mr. Daniel read a number of statutes and cited his remarks by saying: "I am guided in this fight by the Golden Rule, and I think it should apply to the government to 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Virginia gave this money to erect these buildings in the nation's capital, and has never been reimbursed."

Senator Burkett was evidently not impressed with the Virginian's argument, and his point of order was renewed. The vice-president sustained the objection.

TWO ENGINES AND TWO CARS ARE OVERTURNED

Accident to Double-Headed Passenger Train—No One Killed But Several Injured. CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., March 3.—A tampered switch resulted in the derailment at Two Rivers, Va., a few miles south of Charlottesville, at 1:22 o'clock p. m. today of train number 25, on the Southern Railway.

The train was being double-headed and both engines and the mail and baggage cars were turned over. The following persons were slightly injured: H. C. Linn, engineer, Washington.

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