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EXERCISE AT CAPITAL.

Public Men Affect Various Forms of Outdoor Recreation.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Feb. 10.—Sporting life at the capital presents a far more imposing feature than any place else in America where outdoor life is popular, for not only are the accomplishments of the President many, but every Cabinet member, diplomat, Supreme Court Justice, Senator and Congressman adopts some special line of healthful, active recreation which lends to the whole an amazing variety.

President Roosevelt is more than an amateur in all of his sports, and whether riding, walking, fencing, boxing, playing tennis, wrestling or shooting, he is always equal to the best of his opponents, while at jiu-jitsu he has outwitted several Japanese professional instructors. It was at one of his informal luncheons, just for the sake of illustrating some figure, that he and the former Swiss Minister took a turn at jiu-jitsu to convince themselves, and the sturdy diplomat got much the worse of the little bout. Most of the President's time in the busy official season now, however, is divided between riding, walking and tennis. In all three of these sports he is generally joined by Gifford Pinchot, the government forester, who is one of his most intimate friends.

Secretary Loeb has taken to riding of late, and under the President's advice has provided himself with a horse picked up on one of the President's Western trips, a cowboy saddle and other suitable equipage, and now almost any afternoon may be seen, with General Crozier, Congressman Cox, of New-York, and Charles Henry Butler, making excellent time over some of the good roads about the capital. Mr. Loeb

is a good rider, and all the time given him for recreation is spent with his horse.

Senator Lodge is a constant companion of the President in riding and walking trips, and claims that this is the only way in which he can keep up with him. In walking the President's speed is such that conversation is out of the question, except, perhaps, with the French Ambassador.

Miss Root, Miss Elkins, Miss Gaff, Miss Boardman and a large party of women almost daily form parties from the city to Chevy Chase and back, while almost all of them take part in the gallop over the course at the club.

Secretary Root, Secretary Taft and Attorney General Moody are the only three Cabinet members who are fond of riding, and until the Secretary of War became too busy for a ride of any length he never missed an afternoon mount just after office hours and a brisk canter over the paths about the city. Colonel Edwards is almost always his companion. He walks to his office, no matter how busy, and frequently extends his trip about the White Lot, which forms a circular walk of a mile in length. Baron von Sternburg, who adopts a German saddle and bridle, rides a beautiful blooded animal. The British Ambassador and his daughter, Miss Josephine Durand, are two other familiar figures on the country roads, while one could not miss meeting the Senator and Mrs. Spooner riding out 16th-st. any fine morning.

Vice-President Fairbanks is a great walker, making good time with his long, smooth strides, and almost without fail walks from his house in Farragut Square to the Capitol, a distance of not less than two miles, and back again. He maintains that carriages are not adapted to his height, and never rides except when going out in the evening.

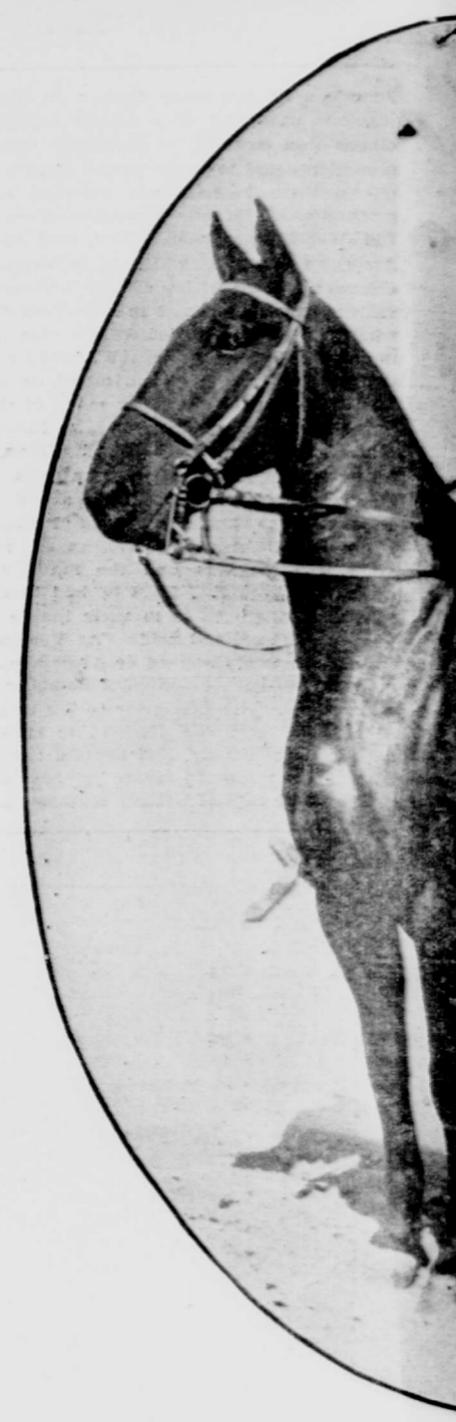
Golf enthusiasts have as their leader in official life Justice Harlan, a veteran at the game, whose figure on the Chevy Chase links is as familiar as is that of the President on some fine

bridle path about the city. Some of his companions in the game are Justice McKenna, who makes a fine record, and Senator Knox, former Attorney General, the three indulging in constant bantering both on and off the links.

With Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth in the lead as autoists, that mode of pastime being exceedingly popular on Washington's smooth avenues, a fine new machine from some part of the world makes its appearance on the streets every week. The Austrian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller brought a fine type of Viennese automobile with them upon their return from abroad early in the fall, and now ride daily, both in calling and for pleasure. The Chinese Minister is a picturesque devotee of this art also, and wearing his blue robes, with his big machine filled with his friends, all in native dress, presents a striking contrast between modern invention and the ancient customs of his country.

Baron Moncheur, the Belgian Minister, rides a wheel, and is almost the last diplomat to indulge in that pastime.

Count Cassini, the former Russian Ambassador to America, probably did more to stir up Washington men to fencing than did any other man. Only the other day, when the annual competition for the Cassini Cup took place between the Washington Fencers' Club and the New-York, it ended by the former club winning six out of the nine bouts, and accordingly retaining the cup for another year. M. Leger, Minister from Hayti, one of the most expert swordsmen in the city, generally acts as master of the combat, and is also on the board of judges. Viscount de Faramond and Captain Fournier, naval and military attachés of the French Embassy, are excellent fencers. Signor Montagna, chargé de affaires for Italy, is also an expert fencer, as are Ivan Rubido-Zichy, of the Austrian Embassy, and Viscount de Chambrun, of the French Embassy. With the departure of Countess Cassini, an expert fencer,



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Secretary to the President.



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