

WHAT THE WEEK SUGGESTED TO THOMAS, PRESS STAFF CARTOONIST.



"THE PRESS" CORRESPONDENT SAYS T. R. IS "FAT AND SAUCY"

ROOSEVELT'S WORD TO "US HOME FOLKS"

"I've Had a Bully Time, But I'm Not Going to Talk Politics With You Now."

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RENK, via Khartoum, March 11.—I saw Colonel Theodore Roosevelt this morning. In company with a colony of newspaper men, some from America and others from the big cities of Europe, I had been at Khartoum for ten days, awaiting the approach of the mighty hunter. Finally, last Tuesday, four of us chartered a little river steamer, the Pasha, and started up the Nile. It was early this morning when we were tumbled out of our berths by the captain of our dingy craft. We rushed on deck and, looking up through the morning mist, we descried the brown, white bulk of the steamer Dal. We blew our whistle and made a great racket until the Dal slowed down and finally stopped her engines. As our boat was being maneuvered alongside, a somewhat tousled head popped above the rail of the Dal and through the mist we saw the familiar features of the strenuous former president.



COLONEL ROOSEVELT AS HE LOOKS ON THE NILE TODAY. FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN AFRICA.

We were pretty well excited and our chorus of greeting was probably somewhat incoherent, but the famous glasses were getting a focus on us and then there came a hearty hail.

"Hello, Gilson! Hello, Cal! Come aboard and have breakfast. Say,

but it's bully of you boys to come away up here. What's the news, etc.?"

The "Cal" above mentioned was my comrade, John Callan O'Loughlin, and we used to be in the squad

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FINLEY STANDS PAT ON JAIL CHARGES

There has been no backing up on the part of Attorney James Finley because of the criticism that has been hurled in his direction on his speech at the city council Wednesday night on Spokane jail conditions. Finley renews his charges in a written communication, in which he says in part: "I repeat part of what I said: First, that the jail is full of unmentionable vermin, as testified by many witnesses. Second, that there is a dungeon of considerable size where neither light nor air can be obtained to sustain life for long. Third, that even when I first saw that dungeon last year I called the mayor's attention to it in his office, and he immediately telephoned for Chief Sullivan. The chief maintained that it was only a sweat box used a little while at a time for refractory prisoners, and I told him he would not put his hog into such a place. When the laws are left to the whim of a judge or policeman is there any wonder that youths from the countercity are thrown into prison, and the few dollars that they were spending today to pay a fine, then the next week's charge is vagrancy. I have cleared several who were unjustly charged and signified my willingness to act for any young man who declares to me his innocence, but there is always difficulty in the way because the law says an attorney must not solicit business even if gratuitous. I hope to see a new prison built which will not be a bastille or Russian sweatbox."

HOGS SOON WORTH WEIGHT IN GOLD

CHICAGO, March 12.—The price of hogs on the market continued to skyrocket today and a new record in porkers was set with the high price of \$1 per hundred pounds. One carload of 50 hogs sold at that figure for \$2119.

BANDIT LEAPS FROM SLEEPING CAR INTO SEA AND DROWNS

(By United Press Leased Wire) YUMA, Ariz., March 12.—No trace has yet been found of the bandit who leaped from a passenger train into the Salton sea Thursday night, after he had been caught plundering sleeping passengers in the Pullman. The man had searched the clothing of several passengers when his peculiar actions aroused the suspicion of members of the train crew. They waited until he had rifled the pockets of several other passengers and then started to overpower him.

TRENTON, N. J., March 12.—Bishop Spellmeyer of St. Louis was found dead in bed in his apartments at the Hotel Dennis today. Heart disease was given as the cause of his death.

THE STORY OF OLD-TIME SPOKANE

Have you ever read the thrilling story of Spokane's real life? Do you know why the main business section of this inland metropolis grew east and west despite pioneers' efforts to make it north and south? The tragic story of a little valley explains it all. Have you ever really read of the great struggle early Spokane, then a little village by the river falls, made to hold its own, how it actually fought to stay on the map, and of the sacrifices pioneer women and men made that the town might grow? Have you ever read the story of the old days, when with Spokane

ABOUT "PUBLIC" INVESTIGATION

Doubtless Mayor Pratt means well when he says that the sessions of the jail investigating committee are to be public, where everybody can hear everything. But if Mayor Pratt believes that is the way to get at the truth of conditions in the jail under his office he is most sadly mistaken.

Mayor Pratt could no more surely make it certain that the investigation would amount to nothing than to have a public hearing, where the police could learn in advance the names of the witnesses against them and where the witnesses were certain to be put on record for future police "attention."

The major portion of the evidence will be from those who have been in jail, and only the utmost secrecy for the protection of these witnesses will prevent them being either run out of town or intimidated by the police. Not one witness in 10 will appear in public that would in private. There are women in this town who know things of utmost importance to this committee but these women will not appear in public and tell their story; the very thought of it would cause them to leave town.

No, a public investigation is the last thing the public wants, if it cares for the truth about the jail, and it is the first thing the police want. It is not necessary for this committee to do more than investigate secretly and honestly, and then to report. It does not need to give the public its evidence, in justice to its own work it cannot do so or it will lose the most valuable part of its testimony. This committee is composed of three honest men; the public will take the word of the committee as will the mayor and the council. If this committee says it found conditions here and that certain men are responsible, the public will take its word for it without bothering with the dirty details, but this committee, if it has to work in full view of the police, will find but little had in the entire situation. Anybody that ever had to do with a police investigation or even a grand jury session, knows the truth of the above; probably Mayor Pratt, as an honest official, seeking merely the truth and the best results from the committee, will realize the force of the argument when

he digests it. At least, for the sake of the public good, The Press trusts he will, and that there will be no more of this talk about a "public" investigation.

LOOT AND BURNSTORE

One of the most daring crimes that has been committed in Spokane for several months, it is believed, was successfully perpetrated last night, when burglars ransacked the Farmers' Trading store, E728 Sprague avenue, and after looting the store, set fire to it.

Box 35 rang in at 2 o'clock this morning and the fire department responded. A mysterious pool of blood, not yet dry, was found directly across the street from the burning store and on the blood-stained walk were found several articles which had been stolen and apparently dropped as the robber hurriedly made good his escape. An investigation failed to prove anything as to the identity of the burglars or the direction they had followed after leaving the store.

Little credit is given the assumption that malice was the cause of burglary, although it is only surmised that the robbers set fire to the store in order to cover up any clues left by them in ransacking the place. It is thought that they may have hoped to cover up any suspicion of burglary. The store is conducted by A. E. Houchins and is located in a one story brick building. The loss done by fire will amount to nearly \$1000. The police have refused to discuss the case, but no arrests have been made in connection with it.

OPENS FIGHT FOR GOVERNOR

(By United Press Leased Wire) LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—Hiram W. Johnson, gubernatorial candidate of the Lincoln Roosevelt league, will fire the first gun of his campaign at Simpson Auditorium tonight. Johnson will deliver an address in which he will elaborate upon the planks of his platform, according to his statement today. In an interview Johnson flayed what he termed the "Southern Pacific machine" for causing a "conflict of interests between southern and northern California."

THE RETORT BOOMERANG.

"You ought to ring the bell when you want to get off," said the street-car conductor sourly. "And you should have rung up my fare on the fare register when I got on," said the woman passenger sweetly.

PUGH LOSES IN GORDON ARGUMENT

With victory after victory recorded to the credit of the defense, following every ruling of the court, and the prosecution almost demoralized as a result of the rejection of testimony important in proving the state's case, it is reported that the attorneys for M. J. Gordon, alleged embezzler, this afternoon will move for a dismissal of the charge against the former supreme court justice and Great Northern attorney.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Kennan held that oral testimony likely to prove the contents or purpose of the drafts made out by Gordon in payment of the "Tollman" claims, was not admissible, and this morning he sustained his ruling, following the submission of authorities by Prosecutor Pugh. The court also held that the testimony of Cashier W. D. Vincent of the Old National bank is admissible only so far as that officer personally knows of the contents of the drafts aggregating \$16,000, and refused to admit the bank records regarding the papers in question. "The prosecution has no way of proving that the drafts aggregating \$16,000 were not drawn out by some other Great Northern official, as others secured money in this manner as well as Gordon," stated Judge Kennan in connection with his ruling. "The drafts are evidently in the possession of the Great Northern at

ODDS AND ENDS

Roosevelt, on his return from the wilds of Africa, and on his entrance into historic Egypt, resembles the sphynx of that country regarding American politics. All of which shows his wisdom. He doesn't intend to talk until he settles down at Oyster Bay again.

There's generally cinders on the income, and grease on the outgo, says our friend, Josh Wise.

A girl in San Francisco swallowed a fork this morning. You want to be careful, young lady. The next thing you know you'll be swallowing the whole equipment of the dining table, and then how will your mother be able to serve dinner? Remember to be careful of the feelings of other people.

Charles P. Taft, esquire, the president's brother, yesterday concluded arrangements for a private telephone wire running from his house in Cincinnati to the White House in Washington. Now every night Brother Bill and Brother Charlie will be able to talk state secrets over the phone and no one will listen. It will only cost \$24,000 per year.

"No man can predict with certainty what will take place May 18 or 19," says Professor Pickering of Harvard. You're wrong, prof. For instance, go to a telephone, ask for a number and the girl will answer, "Line busy."

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

JACKSONVILLE, March 12.—Results: First race—Jack Denman, 13 to 10, won; La Mexicana, 3 to 1, second; Miss Vanderhoden, third. Time, 1:56 4-5. Second race—My Henry, 10 to 1, won; Foreguard, 7 to 10, second; Lady McNally, third. Time, 1:31 3-5. Third race—T. M. Green, even, won; John Griffin, second; Benne Baird, third. Time, 1:16 2-5. Fourth race—Mojesty, 15 to 1, won; Hill Top, 7 to 1, second; Col. Ormsby, third. Time, 1:57 3-5. Fifth race—Royal Captive, 6 to 1, won; Camel, 8 to 5, second; Ferdinand Cecilian, third. Time, 1:15 1-5. Sixth race—Mamie Algot, 2 to 1, won; Vane, 3 to 1, second; Oberon, third. Time, 2:05 4-5.

AUTO RACE IS CALLED OFF

(By United Press Leased Wire) DAYTONA, Fla., March 12.—Teh automobile race between Oldfield and De Palma was called off here today owing to an accident to the Fiat car. A piston of the Fiat was smashed. The broken shaft cannot be replaced in this country and a new part must be sent from abroad. Then men are scheduled to meet next month at Los Angeles.

FARMERS PLAN A BIG WAREHOUSE

A big cooperative warehouse and terminal agency, with a cold storage plant, capitalized at between \$25,000 and \$100,000, is one of the favored measures of the Farmers' Union to dispose of their products, which will probably be launched this afternoon. The Spokane county union of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America is holding its regular bimonthly meeting at the courthouse today, with the problem of the cooperative terminal agency the most important matter under discussion. The morning session was devoted to the report on the credentials committee on the 60 delegates gathered in Justice Hyde's courtroom, and the report of the committee on constitution and bylaws, which ended its labors with a final report.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

(By United Press Leased Wire) SEATTLE, March 12.—Mrs. Dresser, wife of an insurance agent of Vancouver, B. C., was killed in an automobile accident near the Meadocks this afternoon. Mrs. W. L. Webster and Mrs. B. L. Gates of Seattle were badly injured. They were on their way to the aviation meet. The chauffeur turned the car out to avoid hitting a dog, and the car went into the ditch.

GIRL SWALLOWS FORK; OPERATION REMOVES IT

(By United Press Leased Wire) SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Miss Bridget Brady is recovering rapidly today following an operation for the removal of a full sized table fork from her stomach. The young woman swallowed the fork Wednesday evening. She was suffering from a sore throat and had placed the handle of the fork in her throat in an effort to ascertain whether the tonsils were swollen. The powerful muscles gripped the handle and a moment later the fork slipped down her esophagus and came to rest crosswise in her stomach. Despite terror and nausea, the girl kept her head and called for help. She was hastened to the hospital, where an X-ray located the offending fork. After 34 hours of suffering she was operated on. A long incision was made through the walls of the stomach and the fork withdrawn.