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PRESIDENT ON GRIDIRON

Nation's Chief Executive Overcome With Merriment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Roosevelt was so overcome with merriment at the dinner of the Gridiron Club Saturday night that he nearly fell off his chair. J. P. Morgan and H. H. Rogers, the victim of a prank, enjoyed most heartily the shout that went up at their expense.

President Roosevelt, in his official capacity, has been at dagger points with the dictator of Wall street and the oil trust magnate. But Saturday night these worthies and many others, cabinet officers, diplomats, professional and business men from all parts of the United States, met in a spirit of comradeship that mark the meetings of this famous dinner club of newspaper correspondents.

The incident just related occurred during the carrying out of the principal skit of the evening, which was based on President Roosevelt's centralization idea. The year was 1917, and a ceremonial session was held of the court of "His Gracious and Imperial Majesty, Emperor of All the Americas, Champion of Centralization, King of Kings and Monarch of the High, the Middle and the Low."

The room was darkened, and after ten strokes on a gong the lights came up and a gorgeous gold throne was discovered, beside which stood a herald, who announced the members of the court as they came in. There were four officers of the king's privy council, courtiers, pages and jester, and all the panoply of a court.

A spirited colloquy was interrupted by the entrance of two ragged and woebegone men, both of whom prostrated themselves before the king. One said:

"Be merciful, for I once owned all the railroads in this land."

The other exclaimed: "And I controlled the oil productions." They were identified by a courtier as H. H. Rogers and J. P. Morgan.

This was when the shout of merriment went up. It was decided by the court that inasmuch as these men had been deprived of all their profiting they should be given employment. Rogers was billed as "first oiler of the imperial special train," and Morgan was made "official photographer of the Panama canal," with instructions to get all the steam shovels.

COURTIERS JESTING.
The laugh was long and furious at the jesting which followed at the President's expense between the king and his courtiers.

Courtier: "Your majesty's ambassador at the Court of St. James reports by submarine telephone that the Rt. Hon. James Bryno did six feet four inches in the pole vault yesterday."

King: "It is not enough. Seven feet or we won't relieve him. Wasn't the French ambassador to be here by this time?"

Courtier: "He is in the garden putting the 12 pound shot."

King: "Inform him that I will not sign that treaty of alliance unless he does better than he did yesterday."

The skit ended with the recital of an epilogue and the "Star Spangled Banner" from the orchestra. Everybody at the table rose, cheered and waving napkins at President Roosevelt, who was immediately introduced. He made a speech which was received with tremendous enthusiasm. Secretary of War Taft came in for some attention. Inanimate statues which later became much animated, carried on a cross firing of personal comment with the guests as victims:

One of them went this way:

JANUARY 31st, 1907

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"Is Secretary Taft a candidate for the Presidency?"

"Yes."

"Does he want to be Chief Justice of the Supreme court?"

"Yes."

"Does he want to remain with his present great work as Secretary of War?"

"Yes."

"Has he a longing to return to private life?"

"Yes."

"How do you know all these things?"

"I read the statement he put out a few days ago."

Joke on Fairbanks.

They played a good joke on Vice-President Fairbanks. They sang: "Are you going back to Indiana, Fairbanks?" and announced that a reply would be expected later. This reminder was given at intervals throughout the evening, but the vice president was never given the opportunity to get back at the boys.

In the illustrated souvenir "Who's Who," in the Gridiron prose and rhyme, appeared this one at the expense of Mr. Fairbanks:

"Said our Hoosier-bred, sky-scrapping vice,
"My title is one to entice,
"But it does seem to me
"If you leave off the 'v,'
"That nothing could be quite so nice."

They treated the new cabinet officer this way:

"Every trust is as still as a mouse
"A watching of trust-buster Straus
"Says he: Please skiddoo,
"I'm right on to you,
"And my motto is 'Nix Kum Heraus.'"

Senator Knox got this one:

"Dickery, dickery, dox,
"What's the matter with Knox?
"He busted a trust, when told that he must,
"But lately he's stuck on the rocks."

Song About Uncle Joe.

They sang a song about Speaker Cannon and his recent maximum and minimum tariff utterances. This was the chorus:

"Oh the North Pole will be melted,
"and the Nile with ice be belted,
"And the stars will shine by day and
"the fish on land will play.
"When the speaker lets a tariff bill go through."

During the evening a page entered the room with cards for various people. Capt. Bill McDonald of the Texas Rangers sent in his card from Senator Foraker, Attorney General Hadley of Missouri inquired eagerly for H. H. Rogers; a note was delivered to Secretary Taft from Justice Brewer asking the Secretary not to commit himself further on the presidential proposition, as the justice had been talking to Chief Justice Fuller; Senator Beveridge was presented with a card from Child Labor Union No. 23.

In addition to the speech of President Roosevelt remarks were made by Representative J. Adam Bede of Minnesota, Representative F. W. Cushman of Washington, Gen. Horace Porter, Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, Winston Churchill, Justice Brewer and Secretary Taft.

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MISTRIAL IN MURDER CASE.

John Jimerson's Trial for Killing John Burnett So Results.

The trial of John Jimerson for the killing of John Burnett, near Troy, on the 25th of last May, which was in progress here last week, was temporarily ended when the jury reported Saturday afternoon, after being out thirty hours, that they were unable to agree. The case was reset for trial at the May term of court. The jury stood five for acquittal and seven for voluntary manslaughter.

The shooting grew out of a slander suit brought by Burnett against Jimerson last April. It appears that Burnett was paying attention to the daughter of Mrs. Reedy, one of his tenants. Miss Reedy rejected him, and Burnett, who was regarded as a very contentious and dangerous man, vowed that if the girl did not marry him, she should never marry any one else, and ordered Miss Reedy and her mother off the place. They immediately went to Jimerson, who was a neighbor, and asked him to assist them in getting another home. Jimerson went to a neighbor to endeavor to secure a house for them, and repeated the story and causes that led up to the ejection of the Reedys. The story finally reached Burnett, and he instituted the suit. Threats were made by Burnett that if Jimerson did not stop interfering in his business he would put him out of the way. The story of the killing has already appeared in this paper.

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Jail-Breaker Captured.

Fulton, Ky., Jan. 26.—Albert Moore, who recently broke jail at Clinton, Ky., has been captured at a saw mill near Hornbeak, Tenn. A reward of \$25 was offered for his recapture and this will be paid to Deputy Sheriff Walker, of Obion County, who made the arrest. Moore is charged with burglarizing a store at Oakton. The other prisoners who escaped with Moore have not been caught.

Cole's Cafe is open day and night. He never sleeps.

INDIA GIVEN BURNED.

Large Corn Boat a Complete Loss at Hickman, Ky.

Hickman, Ky., Jan. 27.—The India Givens, a large corn boat valued at \$11,000, burned this morning at 3 o'clock to the water's edge then sank. She was landed at the railroad trestle above town. The watchman made a fire in the furnace at 2 o'clock and at 3 discovered the boat to be in flames and it was impossible to save her. Phillips Brothers were running the boat and buying corn for Shofner-Neil Company of Nashville. Five men on the boat barely escaped, having to jump into the river from the end of the boat. Cars on the railroad caught on fire but were extinguished. The loss is covered by insurance.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.
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NEW RAILROAD

Paducah Southern Between Paducah and Hickman.

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 25.—Direct connections between Paducah and Hickman by a standard gauge railroad operating either or both electric and steam cars, is assured by the filing of articles of the Paducah Southern Railroad Company in the court house of McCracken County this morning.

This line described in the articles is between Paducah and Hickman, Ky., via Mayfield, Fulton and Union City. The same people have secured rights of way through Brookport, Metropolis, Golconda, Joppa and southern and western Illinois towns to East St. Louis, and within a year promises to have the St. Louis line in operation.

The Paducah Southern will be the most direct line between any two of the points touched. The company will handle both freight and passengers. D. A. Archer is the promoter and local people interested are B. H. Scott, H. H. Loving, Ben Welle, Attorney W. A. Martin. The different branches of railroad are to be built separately, but they will all be operated in conjunction, radiating from Paducah.

Plucky Woman.

A plucky woman and a trusty pistol to day caused a tramp to vamoose from the home of Will Smith, which he had unceremoniously entered. While Mrs. Smith was in the front part of the house she heard some person enter the kitchen. Opening the door she was startled to find a big burly tramp in the room. The man started towards Mrs. Smith, whereupon the latter, with her baby in her arms, fled from the house. Going to the home of Mrs. George Osborne, Mrs. Smith told her story. Without a moment's hesitation Mrs. Osborne secured a big pistol and telling Mrs. Smith to follow, proceeded to the latter's home. The intruder was there and Mrs. Osborne promptly covered him with her pistol. The man, imploring her not to shoot, started for the rear door, but was commanded to halt and stopped abruptly. After giving him some good advice about entering houses uninvited, Mrs. Osborne marched the man out of the house.

As the man was departing he was heard to mutter, "wouldn't that jar you?"—Fulton Leader.

The Effect of Advertising.

There are those who insert a small advertisement in a newspaper for one issue and, seeing no great increase of business, conclude that it does not pay. They do not understand that perseverance is as necessary in such a case as in any other.

News comes from Hamilton, O. that William Duke, affectionately known as "Uncle Billy," has just been married to Mrs. Markham, who was a Lee, of Virginia, and a cousin of Robert E. Lee. "Uncle Billy" is seventy-five years old and his wife is forty-eight.

How did "Uncle Billy," who was a bachelor, secure a wife? We are told that he did it by advertising, and that he had persevered in this course for fifty-two years. It is said that he spent thousands of dollars in advertising and paying the expenses of women who came to see him, but all former applicants were unsuitable or refused to marry him. Did "Uncle Billy" get discouraged? Not a bit of it. He knew the successful advertiser is he who stays, and his staying power was equal to the demand. He is at last rewarded by seeing his aim accomplished. Let other advertisers profit by his example.—Courier-Journal.