

For our honored and fortunate accomplice, Two Years in Africa!"

The Spies of Private Hatred.

Certain secret service agents, paid by the people of the United States, were used by a president of the United States as spies or private detectives in an investigation that was prompted by personal hatred.

The discoveries of these secret service agents in the case of Senator Tillman either were such as to require the prosecution of Senator Tillman by the Government authorities or they did not warrant legal proceedings against him.

If the evidence collected by the spies who hounded the man whom President Roosevelt hated was sufficient to warrant his prosecution under the laws of the United States, then Mr. Roosevelt not only failed in his sworn duty, but he also gave the lie to his own professions as contained in a message addressed to Congress five days ago, when he said:

"If I had proof of such corruption affecting any member of the House in any matter as to which the Federal Government has jurisdiction action would at once have been brought, as was done in the cases of Senators Mitchell and Burton and Representatives Williamson, Herrmann and Driggs, at different times since I have been President. This would simply be doing my duty in the execution and enforcement of the laws without respect to persons."

If, on the other hand, the investigations of the spies of personal hatred afforded no ground for official proceedings against Mr. Tillman, but merely revealed circumstances discreditable to him short of criminality, then the publication of the results of the spying by Mr. Roosevelt for the gratification of private spite is an offense difficult to characterize adequately. It is an abuse of official power fairly deserving impeachment; it is a personal abuse of official opportunity combining the elements of cowardice and audacity, and without precedent, we believe, in the career of any gentleman who has ever inhabited the White House.

The President's Salary.

While Congress is dealing in a manner so becoming and so just with the subject of the salary of the president-elect, there are, perhaps, matters not wholly unrelated thereto that might appropriately engage its attention. One hundred thousand dollars a year is little enough for the President of the United States, particularly in these times of strenuous state. Mr. Roosevelt ought certainly to have had \$100,000 instead of half that amount. His notions of hospitality and of state observance almost bordered on violence. We should not be surprised to learn that more champagne was consumed in the White House during Mr. Roosevelt's seven years than in any six previous incumbencies. It was the antithesis of the administration of the lamented Hayes, at whose state banquets the late William M. Evarts used to say that the "water flowed like champagne." Mr. Roosevelt's board was as lavish as that of his Irish ancestors. The White House has had no great reputation in the bibulous line since poor old Andrew Johnson's time. Johnson was a hard drinker, there is no doubt of that. The trouble with him was that he didn't know how to drink, a charge that has never been laid at the door of the present incumbent. All the same, Johnson was an honest man, and he put his foot down on hard liquor and made the people of his State send him to the Senate, a mighty, memorable and creditable achievement.

We take it for granted that the assignment to Mr. Taft of a salary of \$100,000 or more will permit Congress to dispense with the extra allowance of \$25,000 a year for traveling expenses now enjoyed by Mr. Roosevelt. It may occur to Congress to inquire what disposition Mr. Roosevelt has made of this appropriation, and whether it has been applied conformably to the intent of Congress. The futility of

such an inquiry on the part of Congress is rather attractive, but should not discourage the inquiry.

In its present mood of complacency toward the Executive, Congress might be very properly moved to pay up and discharge the President's obligations to various railroads for transportation and supplies, including a good deal of Scotch whiskey, obligations incurred with a gracious abandon and liberality which always suggested that Mr. Roosevelt expected his bills to be paid by the United States. Mr. Roosevelt is probably not so indifferent as he has the air of being to his debts for personal transportation, and we cannot help thinking that he would prefer to take

his departure for Africa leaving behind him a clean slate.

It would be well for Congress in dealing with this subject to avoid a too pointed inquiry into Mr. Roosevelt's appropriation of \$25000 a year. It might occur to him to regard it as an impertinence, in which case Congress would have its pains for nothing. He would certainly tell Congress that it had no constitutional right to inquire into his conduct, and it is only too likely that such action on his part would have to be final. It would be just as well, therefore, to avoid the lesson under compulsion that the Constitution impinges at any point upon the Presidential prerogative.

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