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The Same Roosevelt.

We are not hearing so much now as we were a fortnight ago concerning the "hole" into which Theodore Roosevelt was to be "put" by the congressional investigating of his dealings with the steel trust.

And the history of that time, as chronicled in the news of the day, bears out Mr. Roosevelt's conclusions.

"The anxiety over the trust company situation has subsided. The purchase by the United States Steel Corporation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company was confirmed by the directors this afternoon, thus removing a large amount of securities having a comparatively narrow market, from the collateral held by trust companies for loans.

From a recital of the facts, Mr. Roosevelt passed to a discussion of his policies generally as a man of practical sense while he was in the White House, and to illustrate his attitude in the matter of the panic, he made this illuminating statement:

"In my judgment I would have been derelict in my duties, I would have shown myself a timid and unworthy public officer if in that extraordinary crisis I had not acted as I did act. In every such crisis the temptation to indecision, to nonaction, is great, for excuses can always be found for non-action and action means risk and the certainty of blame to the man who acts.

"If I were on a sail boat, I should not ordinarily meddle with any of the gear; but if a sudden squall struck us, and the main sheet jammed so that the boat threatened to capsize, I would unhesitatingly cut the main sheet, even though I were sure that the owner, no matter how grateful to me at the moment for having saved his life, would a few weeks later, when he had forgotten his danger and his fear, decide to sue me for the value of the cut rope."

Mr. Roosevelt reveals himself here, as always, impatient if technicalities interfere with the performance of a necessary action. But the really interesting feature of the whole incident of the investigation is the example thus furnished of the former president's style of fighting. He knew that his enemies in both parties were hoping that he would evade and deny and minimize. Instead, he carried the war into Africa, as he always does. From him it was: "Take that, and that! Biff! Swat! Have you had enough? Good day!" And thus once more we have a good flash-light on the reasons why the American people are fond of Theodore Roosevelt. They like a fighter, and his style of fighting suits them. Common sense, to be sure, upholds what

he did as president in the panic of 1907. At that time everybody felt grateful to him and approved what he had done. But public gratitude is of short life, and it would not have been difficult at this late day to make a large proportion of the public believe that what he did was reprehensible—if the investigating committee had found him timid and apologetic. As it is, if anybody was "put into a hole" it was not the president.

Tough on the King.

King George V must feel otherwise than flattered by the speeches made during the last week in the house of lords on the government's veto bill. To use an Arizona expression, the liberal government has the lords "over a barrel" through having secured from the king a promise to "raise" a sufficient number of liberals to the peerage to overcome the conservative majority in the house of lords—the program being to create some five hundred new peers. Should it become necessary to carry out this program, the whole fabric of British aristocracy would receive a jolt little short of fatal. The prestige which goes with being a lord would disappear to a large extent, if lords were to become as numerous as green grocers.

The grieved and shocked lords, in their speeches on the subject, have deplored the success of Premier Asquith in working a bunco game on the young king. Granting that it is the constitutional duty of the monarch to do whatsoever the cabinet requests, the lords intimate that a more experienced king would have been able to hold his own in the imperial council and would have dissuaded the "government" from pressing him to taking a ridiculous step.

The "young" king is forty-five years old, or thereabouts. The gradual encroachments of democracy have left practically nothing for the sovereign to do except to look wise, be dignified, and personally represent the glory and majesty of the British empire. All this King George fully knows, but he has no inclination to be proclaimed a ninny. And no doubt it is especially exasperating to him to have the lords charge their ill luck to his incompetence.

BIG DEAL IN GLOBE MINING DISTRICT

Seventeen Claims Change for a Consideration of \$150,000.

One of the largest mining sales made in the Globe mining district for some time was consummated last Monday when Joseph C. Erman, former manager of the Live Oak Mining company who opened up that property and was also manager of the Keystone company, bought the 17 claims which are known as the Cole and Goodwin group. Mr. Erman said that he had bought the claims for clients of his but that at this time he could not divulge their identity. These claims were bought from P. J. Cole and the price paid was \$150,000. Some development work has been done on these claims which includes a 400 foot shaft and a 450 foot cross cut tunnel.

The contract calls for the commencement of work in 15 days when the new owners will begin sinking shafts.

INDIANS DECIMATED BY DREADED SMALLPOX

Distinguished Men Will Defer Visit to Moqui Village.

Fred Volz, an Indian trader at Canyon Diablo, while on a visit to Prescott Tuesday, spread the startling report that smallpox is decimating the Navajo Indians in his district, and that the dread disease has spread to the Moqui villages. In almost every case the disease has been fatal to the Navajos, said Mr. Volz, and scores of Moqui have already succumbed, although the disease made its appearance in the villages less than a week ago.

As a result of the visits of former President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Hitchcock, two princes of the royal blood of Germany, and many other notables to the annual ceremonies of the Moquis to be held next week have been cancelled and it is believed that the festivities will be cancelled by the tribe this year. Attorney and Mrs. E. S. Clark and two sons, who left Prescott Tuesday for the Grand Canyon and to attend the Moqui dances will return from the canyon and Reese M. Ling, who also intended to be present at the ceremonies will also cancel his visit.

Fred Volz is the oldest Indian trader in Arizona. He has seen these tribes decimated by disease in past years and says that the epidemic of this year is the worst in the memory of the oldest Indians. Fourteen years ago two hundred and eighty-six Moquis succumbed to smallpox, reducing the tribe to less than six hundred members. It is feared that the tribe will be almost annihilated this year if medical aid is not promptly furnished by the government. The Indians have no cure for the disease and are loath to submit to treatment of physicians.

WEATHER RECORD.

Record of temperature, rainfall and state of weather as made by the U. S. weather bureau, at 6 a. m., mountain time, yesterday:

Table with columns: Stations, Temp, Rainfall, Weather. Lists cities like Abilene, Atlantic City, Boise, Boston, Buffalo, Calgary, Chicago, Corpus Christi, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, Durango, Eastport, Flagstaff, Galveston, Hays, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Knoxville, Louisville, Memphis, Montgomery, Montreal, Moorhead, New Orleans, New York City, Oklahoma, PHOENIX, Portland, Ore., Raleigh, Roseburg, Roswell, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Sheridan, Spokane, Tampa, Washington, Winnemucca, Yuma.

BALL FANS GALLERY OF NOTABLES

DUMMY HOY

A Proof of the "Silence-is-Golden" Theory.

Our old pal, W. E. Hoy, of the Washington and other big League teams—though why Washington should be included is honestly beyond our limited—Hoy, then, was one man who never sassed an umpire, never indulged in verbal taunts at members of rival teams and never hurled bitter remarks at the bleachers of a foreign field. In a plain way of speaking Hoy was a deaf mute, and answered (in the sign language) to the name of Dummy.

Hoy came out of the West in response to the beckon of rare old Ted Sullivan. He had been filling in his time around Pinlay, Ohio, where he figured as considerable outfielder, being given to the admirable practice of putting the grayhound to the bush when it came to running the length or breadth of the sward, and carrying a concealed weapon up his right sleeve in the shape of an arm which was capable of shooting the pill from deep center to the plate without a relay. These attributes caught the critical eye of Mr. Sullivan and he opened negotiations looking to Hoy's association with the fearful and wonderful Senators.

The dumb gentleman made the sign of the dollar mark on his nimble fingers, followed by several figures which caused Sullivan to indulge in violent, but eminently safe remarks. However, in the end, the manager acceded and decided to ship Hoy to the D. of C. And there Hoy justified the price he had put upon his head—and his hands, for never had the townfolk seen such slugging. Mr. Hoy became a prime favorite, which is the best kind of favorite to become, and his hitting his base and field running and his long throws from the far away station made him as famous as John Chamberlain, Old Boy Shoemaker and the Washington monument.

He was by all odds the sturdiest thrower in the neighborhood, and passionately fond of perfecting himself in his work. Late at night away along towards nine o'clock, or a quarter past—when all the villagers were a-slumber, Dummy was wont to gather at the Peace monument at the foot of the Capital Building, and have a regulation League ball to the Treasury Department, the entire length of Pennsylvania Avenue. And he never hit a soul! Mr. Hoy turned his talent to the best pecuniary profit and on his retirement to private life took with him enough bank bills of high denomination to paper a meeting-house.

Tomorrow—Curt Welch, the man with the educated ear.

THE STREAM OF LIFE.

O, stream descending to the sea, Thy mossy banks between, The flow'rets blow, the grasses grow, The leafy trees are green.

In garden plots the children play, The fields the laborers till, And houses stand on either hand, And thou descendest still.

O, life descending into death, Our waking eyes behold; Parent and friend thy lapse attend, Companions young and old.

Strong purposes our mind possess, Our hearts' affections fill; We toil and earn; we seek and learn, And thou descendest still.

O, end to which our currents tend, Inevitable sea, To which flow, what do we know, What shall we guess of thee.

A roar we hear upon thy shore, As we our course fulfill; Scarce we divine a sun will cease And be above us still —Arthur Hugh Clough.

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