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TAFT TELLS IRGINIAKS TO BUILD GOOD RAILROADS
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—President Taft has again indicated his interest in good roads, his latest expression being elicited in connection with a movement for better highways in Virginia, this taking shape in an immediate plan for a road from the National capital to Richmond.

In a letter on the subject the President says: "I regard this as a part of the general roads improvement in the country, and I have pleasure in saying that there is no movement that I know of that will have more direct effect to alleviate the difficulties and burdens of the farmer's life, will stimulate traffic and add to the general happiness of the people, than the establishment of good roads throughout the country."

PROHIBITION HURTS UNCLE SAM'S POCKET
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The federal treasury suffered a shrinkage because of the prohibition wave enduring during the fiscal year ending June 30. During this time there was a decrease of \$5,290,773 in whisky tax receipts as shown by the preliminary report of the internal revenue bureau made public today.

Whisky tax collections last year were \$134,868,034, as against \$140,158,807 for the preceding year. The receipts of beer and other fermented liquors amounted to \$57,456,411, a decrease of \$2,351,205, compared with 1908.

The nation's tobacco bill, however, showed an increase. The government tax on all sorts of tobacco aggregated \$51,887,178, an increase of \$2,024,423 over the previous year.

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"Can I persuade you to try one of my national dishes," he asked—"caviare?"

"Caviare?" replied Pike. "I've heard of it, but I thought it was Russian."

"It is also German," answered the other, recovering himself from the start he had given. "Will you not?"

Daniel looked him straight in the eye quizzically.

"I'd never get into the legislature again if any of the boys heard of it," he remarked, "but I guess I'm far enough from home to take a few chances."

Quite slowly and hesitatingly he placed some of the caviare in his mouth and then turned a vacant and pained look upon the German. The latter smiled and observed quickly:

"You do not like it? I am sorry. Here! A taste of the vodka will destroy the caviare."

Mariano quickly filled a glass and passed it to Daniel, who seized it eagerly. This time he sat bolt upright in the chair and exhibited real distress. Then he quickly seized another forkful of the caviare and ate it hurriedly.

"But I thought you did not like the caviare?" said the German.

Daniel breathed quickly for an instant, and the flush died from his face.

"That was to take away the taste of the vodka," he said weakly, and Von Grollerhagen lifted his head and laughed heartily.

"I lift my hat to you, my friend," he said, and Pike looked at him genially.

"You never worked on a farm, did you, doc?" he asked, and the German admitted that such a pleasure had been denied him.

"I guess that's right," went on Daniel reflectively. "Talk about things to drink! Harvest time and the women folks coming out from the house with a two gallon jug of ice cold butter-milk."

Horace shuddered convulsively, and Von Grollerhagen asked:

"You still enjoy those delights?"

"Not since I moved up to our county seat and began to practice law, ten years ago," Pike answered. "Things don't taste the same in the city."

"Then you do not like your city?"

"Like it! Why, sir, for public buildings and architecture I wouldn't trade our state insane asylum for the worst ruined ruin in Europe—not for hygiene and real comfort."

"And your people?"

"The best on earth. Why, out my way folks are neighbors!"

Horace rattled his paper sharply and glanced angrily at the disturber of his harmony. The German went on:

"But you have no leisure class," he objected, and Daniel smiled.

"We've got a pretty good sized colored population," he replied.

The German lifted his hand protestingly.

"I mean no aristocracy—no great old families such as we have, that go back to the middle ages."

Pike laughed serlously, if one might imagine such a thing, and returned instantly:

"Well, I expect if they go back that far they might just as well sit down and stay there. No, sir; the poor man in my country don't have to pay any taxes to keep up a lot of useless kings and earls and first grooms of the bed-chamber and second ladies in waiting and I don't know what all. If anybody wants our money for nothing, he's got to show energy enough to steal it. Doc, I wonder a man like you doesn't emigrate."

"Bravo!" cried Von Grollerhagen, with keen delight, while Hawcastle turned with an angry gesture to Horace.

"Your countryman does seem to be rather down on us!"

Horace flushed with mortification and returned:

"This fellow is distinctly of the lower orders. We should cut him as completely in the States as here."

CHAPTER IX.
RECOGNIZED.

THE German was frankly enjoying his guest's conversation and quaint mannerisms and went on:

"I wonder you make this long journey, my friend, instead of spending your holiday at home."

Pike looked up in astonishment.

"Holiday! Why, I never even had time to go to Niagara falls. I'm here on business."

Ethel, who was still standing by the countess, looked at her friend with pained entreaty, and Horace, catching Lady Creech's basilisk eye fixed on him, reddened with mortification.

Daniel carefully folded his napkin and sat back.

"I expect it's about time for me to go and find the two young folks I've come to look after," he said.

"You are here for a duty, then?" asked the German quietly.

"I shouldn't be surprised if that was the name for it," answered Pike, rising. "Yes, sir; all the way from Indiana!"

Both Ethel and Horace started in horrified amazement and looked at each other with stricken terror on their faces. If this should—

"I—I can't stand this. I shall go for a stroll," said Horace hysterically and rose from the table, while Hawcastle looked at Pike fixedly.

"By Jove!" he said slowly.

"I expect, doc," went on Pike calmly, "that I won't be able to eat with you this evening. You see—you see I've come a mighty long way to look after



"Reason! Why, yes, I'm her guardian!" her, and she—that is, they—will probably want me to have supper with them."

The horror was closing fast around the other party, and they simply stared.

"Do not trouble for me," observed the German. "Your young people—they have a villa?"

"No," answered Pike, with a smile. "They're right here in this hotel."

Horace, with fear lending wings to his scattered senses, sprang to his feet and began to walk toward the grove. Pike looked up.

"I'd better ask," he said, and then, observing Horace, went on addressing him: "Hey, there! Can you?"—He stared at the young man, paying no attention, proceeded on his way. Pike raised his voice.

"Excuse me, son, ain't you an American?" As Horace paid no more attention he turned to Mariano. "Here, waiter! Tell that gentleman I want to speak to him!"

Mariano sprang after the retreating Horace.

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