

ROOSEVELT OFF ON AFRICAN TRIP

Thousands Cheer as Steamer
Leaves and Admirers
Jostle Him.

PARTING GIFT FROM TAFT

Ex-President Sends Thanks for Host
of Letters He Can't Answer—Is
Saved by Police From Crowd
Seeking Handshake.

TRAVELS ON SMOOTH SEA.

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP HAMBURG, via wireless, March 22.—Ex-President Roosevelt spent the better part of the afternoon of his first few hours at sea resting from the fatigue of his strenuous departure. The weather was clear and balmy, the sea smooth and altogether the day was such as would tempt the voyager to the deck and open air. But Colonel Roosevelt had been early and had passed through a tiring experience, so after luncheon he sought the seclusion of his stateroom.

NEW YORK, March 22.—

Waving a parting farewell with his black checkered hat as he stood on the captain's bridge of the steamship Hamburg, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt sailed away today for his long-planned African hunt. He left amid cheers of thousands of persons that swarmed the Hamburg-American line pier, amid the wildest reverberations of the ex-President's salute of 13 guns from Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth.

Beside Mr. Roosevelt stood a young lad, seemingly dejected, as he wistfully gazed at the cheering multitude on the pier below. It was the ex-President's son of 17, who accompanied him on his expedition. Father and son, both clad in brilliant buff-hued Army coats, remained on the bridge on the trip down the bay and acknowledged with sweeps of their hats the salutes of the vessels. The demonstration was unofficial, but many high in the affairs of the Nation were present.

Crowd Knocks Off Roosevelt's Hat.

The crowd in its enthusiasm bowed over the lines of policemen on the pier, surrounded the ex-President while he was being presented with a bronze tablet by the Italian-American Chamber of Commerce, and before he was again safely back on the sheltering gangplank, knocked his hat from his head and caused him to drop a vacuum bottle which had been presented by some admiring personal friend. Fortunately, Mr. Roosevelt was not hurt in the rush and he seemed to enjoy his experiences with the crowd.

One incident of the departure which touched Mr. Roosevelt probably more than any other was the presentation of a message and gift from President Taft by Captain Archibald Butt, who was chief military aide to Mr. Roosevelt and at present occupies that position under Mr. Taft. Grasping his former aide by the hand with a "By George, it is good to see you again," Mr. Roosevelt drew the President's messenger aside to talk to him.

Taft's Parting Gift.

Captain Butt then delivered Mr. Taft's message and a small package containing a ruler of gold, with pencil attached. It is a collapsible ruler, 12 inches long when drawn out of the end of the pencil. On it is inscribed: "Theodore Roosevelt, from William Howard Taft. Good-bye and good luck. Best wishes for a safe return." When Mr. Roosevelt opened the package and discovered the gift from his successor, he held it up and exclaimed: "Well, now that's just the thing!" It was certainly thoughtful and kind of President Taft to send this to me, and I appreciate it greatly."

Ovation All Along Route.

Mr. Roosevelt and Kermit received continuous ovations from the time they landed at the East River terminal of the Long Island Railroad until the final departure of the steamer Hamburg for Gibraltar, its first port of call.

Mr. Roosevelt took the keenest interest in his first trip through the Hudson tube in a special train and took a position in the front car, so that he might inspect the underground bore. He shook the motorman's hand after the trip, saying: "I want to shake hands with the man behind the gun."

The departure of the Hamburg was delayed until 11:06 o'clock by order of Captain Burnham, so that Major General Wood, of the Department of the East, and his staff might board the steamship. Ex-Judge E. A. Gary, Senator Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, Robert Bacon, ex-Assistant Secretary of State; Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts; Silas M. McKim, editor of the *Churchman*; General Bingham, commissioner of the New York police, and Mr. Jusebrand, the French Ambassador, and his wife were noted among the more prominent visitors on board the vessel to wish Mr. Roosevelt farewell.

Last Speech Is to Pittsburghers.

From the forward gangplank of the steamer, where he had gathered and seated from the enveloping throngs, Mr. Roosevelt, addressing the representatives of various organizations that had come to this city to see him off, made his last speech. He said:

"I want to thank the representatives from Pittsburgh, who have come all this distance to see me off. I am indeed grateful and touched by their thoughtfulness and kindness in coming such a long way. I want to thank also all my fellow-citizens who came to see me off. To you and all Americans, I say God bless you."

More Letters Than He Can Answer.

Mr. Roosevelt gave a short talk to the newspaper men on board the Hamburg. He greeted them at the doorway of his suite.

"Now, gentlemen, I am glad to see you," he said. "What can I tell you?" "Oh, yes, there is that picture (pointing

to a portrait of Mr. Taft). It is very interesting and very fine; don't you think so?"

"Oh, gentlemen, there is one thing that I desire very much to have you say for me. There is an immense mass of mail on board this ship which has come to me and which I haven't been able to open, and much of which I shall not be able to open for some time. I have no stenographer with me. Since I left the White House I have received about 5000 or 6000 letters. Four-fifths of these I have not even seen. My thanks to the people who sent them is, however, none the less. Now I wish that you would say for me that it will be only a waste of time for anyone to write to me while I am in Africa. Again, I will say that I deeply appreciate the courtesy of those who have written me and take this occasion to give them my thanks."

Predicts Successful Hunt.

"It's just a fine day to travel," said Mr. Roosevelt, "and ought to be fine at sea. I have received hundreds of telegrams wishing me a safe journey, but I will not give out the names of those who sent them."

"As I have said before, I have no stenographer to make, and it's strange you gentlemen of the press have asked me this morning if I have a message for the American people. No, there is nothing to be said, and I really don't know why newspaper men should want to travel with me to Naples or Mombasa. Really, there is little likelihood of there being any incidents at sea."

"You tell me that the photographer

and on one occasion was saved by a policeman from a fall at the edge of a short flight of steps.

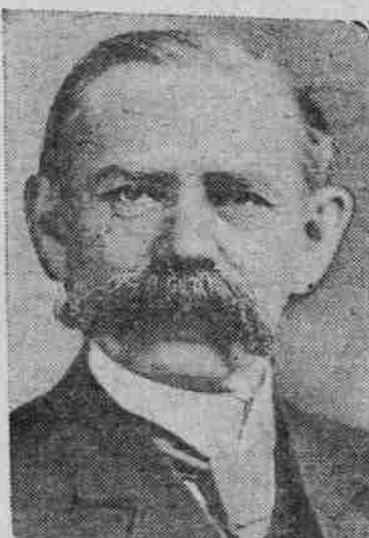
ROOSEVELT'S GORGEOUS SUITE

Rooms on Board Steamer Which
Kaiser Wilhelm Occupied.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Hamburg-American liner, on which ex-President Roosevelt sailed today, was replete with a new coat of white paint and glittering brasswork when Mr. Roosevelt boarded her. The suite of seven rooms occupied by Mr. Roosevelt combines all the conveniences of the best hotel apartments. The first room, which is used as the parlor, was banked with flowers that had been sent to the steamer in advance of the Roosevelt party today. The parlor walls are covered with rich green silk and the pictures of Washington and Lincoln are hung among several others. Two large mahogany sofas and a center table to match are the most prominent articles of furniture in this room.

The second room in the suite, Kermit's bedroom, and the third, used as a dressing-room, are finished in light blue and gold and the walls are covered with a blue-figured tapestry. The fourth room in which Mr. Roosevelt will sleep, is the most handsomely appointed of all. Brown silk damask covers the walls and the furniture is of mahogany, with the exception of the heavy brass bed. The bathroom has a high marble wainscoting with a dark red tiled floor.

"EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND HIS HUNTING PARTY."



Lieutenant Colonel Edgar A. Mearns, U. S. A., Retired.



Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt.



Edmund Heller.



B. L. Cunningham.



Kermit Roosevelt.



J. Alden Loring.

of Mr. Harnsworth's papers, who accompanied the Prince of Wales to India, is going to join us at Gibraltar. That will be fine, won't it, Kermit?" He can help you.

"I cannot definitely say how long I shall be away, but it will be about 15 months. My lecture at Oxford will take place in the Spring of 1910. I expect to have a good time, and I am sure the expedition will be a success."

One of the reporters in the party broke into the conversation with the interjection:

"Some one told me, Colonel, that you were going to be our next President."

Mr. Roosevelt immediately threw up both hands and exclaimed:

"Good-bye, gentlemen, good-bye."

He was still smiling when the interview closed.

Shortly before the steamer sailed Mr. Roosevelt, escorted by a detachment of local police, appeared at the after gangway, which led to the pier. The police had cleared an open space across the pier to the spot where the Italian-Americans and the bronze tablet in readiness to present him. The appearance of Mr. Roosevelt was the signal for tumultuous cheering by the crowds on the pier and on the steamer's deck. As he came down the gangplank the cheering continued and a party of college boys from Stevens Institute in Hoboken let loose their college yell. On the way across the pier the lines of police escorting Mr. Roosevelt were broken through by the pressure of the eager crowd, and the ex-President was swept towards the tablet by the rush. The crowd closed in solidly behind him, and while the police were endeavoring to fight off the on-rushing

and is equipped with two tubs and a shower bath and is supplied with both fresh and salt water. Large windows open on the ocean side from all rooms. The whole suite is electrically heated and the elevator and drop lights are of bronze. Some of the pictures and smaller furnishings in the suite were presented to the Hamburg officials by Emperor William at the time he occupied the same rooms on his cruise to Italy and on another cruise to Norway. An ornamental picture of the Emperor and Empress with their signatures adorns the reception hall just outside the suite.

The gymnasium, situated in a large deckhouse built in the upper deck aft and equipped with all the latest exercising machines is the pride of Mr. Roosevelt's eye.

"Great," he said when he inspected it yesterday. Besides the saddle machines, on which one can get the exact motion of the horse at all regulated speeds, there are all kinds of vibrators and appliances for reducing the waist, strengthening the ankles, and weight lifts and pulleys to supply action to every muscle of the human body.

Photographs of President Taft and of several members of the Roosevelt family, including a full-length photograph of Mrs. Nick Longworth, have been placed on the walls of the parlor suite.

EARLY MORNING FAREWELLS

But Handful of People at Oyster Bay to Bid Roosevelt Adieu.

OYSTER BAY, March 22.—Cheered by fellow townsmen who gathered at the station to bid him God-speed, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt left here shortly after 7 o'clock this morning for New York, to begin his long journey across the sea to hunt in the wilderness of British East Africa for the next year.

Because of the earliness of the hour, there was only a small gathering at the station to see Mr. Roosevelt off. He shook hands with those who pressed about him for a parting greeting and there was a hasty cheer as the train moved out.

Mr. Roosevelt bade good-bye to his family at the house and drove down to the station with Kermit and little Archie, who sat on the front seat with Noah Seamon, the family driver.

The ex-President wore his light buff Army coat with the Colonel's insignia on the sleeve and Kermit wore a coat of the same cloth and pattern.

At the station Mr. Roosevelt kissed Archie good-bye and there was a trace of tears in his eyes as he said farewell. Mr. Roosevelt and Kermit took seats in the day coach of the train and engaged themselves in reading on the trip to New York.

ROOSEVELT ENJOYS LUNCHEON

No Rough Weather Yet to Mar

Pleasure Distinguished Hunter.

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP HAMBURG, March 22.—(Via Wireless)—Theodore Roosevelt's first hours at sea were passed very pleasantly. The big ship plowed her way through smooth seas that glided under the sunny sky.

The ex-President and his party had luncheon at Captain Burnham's table and entered into an animated discussion of the expedition.

PAYNE DEFENDS HIS TARIFF BILL

Many Verbal Clashes With Opponents of Free Hides and Lumber.

INCOME TAX WOULD FAIL

Republican Leader Says Perjury and Fraud Would Result—Hints He Would Favor Free Lumber if Question Raised.

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Garner asked Payne if he thought the removal of the duty on hides was rendering the farmers a real benefit.

"It is a good thing," Garner remarked, "that the gentleman does not have to run for Congress in some district I know of, because he would have a pretty hard time of it."

To that observation Payne replied that farmers were honest, intelligent people, and should be dealt with fairly.

"Don't try to demagogue," he exclaimed. "The more you demagogue the more you lose their respect, the more you weaken your hold upon their attention."

Suggests Free Lumber.

Payne said that the men who wanted the Dingley duty on lumber retained were those who were interested in an immense lot of stumpage and who were actuated solely by motives of greed. If the duty were removed entirely on lumber, he said, it would be of great benefit to the American people and would enable the men he had referred to still to realize a golden fortune in the sale of such a golden fortune as were the duty to be kept on.

Payne declared in reply to a question by Langtry of Kentucky that he would stand by the tariff on a whole. He would not said, oppose any raising of the duty on lumber, but he added, "an amendment could be in order to put it on the free list."

Discussing the proposed continuance of the reciprocity arrangement with Cuba, Payne said that all the commercial nations understood the guaranty over Cuba by the United States and gave the inference that the charge of discrimination in favor of Cuba would not be heard.

Why Inheritance Tax.

Payne described the proposed inheritance tax. "We want some more revenue," above 20,000,000, therefore, we have to provide for an inheritance tax," he said. He stated that the proposition for an income tax was before the committee, but there were strong doubts of its constitutionality.

Both James and Clark pointed to the fact that certain portions of the income tax provision of the Wilson bill, which were not held to be unconstitutional, could be enforced, and inquired why something was not done to enforce that law.

Payne's response was that it was not believed an income tax law was constitutional.

With this discussion closed, before he sat down Gardner, of Texas, reviewed his question of yesterday if opportunity would be given to amend the bill.

Payne declared he wanted the bill put through as quickly as possible. He said: "The country is waiting the action of Congress. Trade is waiting. The whole of industry are stopped pending the action of Congress upon this bill. Men eager to work for a fair day's wage are looking anxiously for the passage of this bill. Business interests have designed I believe it will open the ports of other countries. I believe it will give us fairer trade relations with the world over."

I believe it will stop the labor of a single hand. I believe it will start up industries throughout the United States. I believe that labor will be fully employed. I believe that good and blessings to the people of the United States will come from the passage of this bill and my anticipation and hope is that at the earliest possible moment this bill will go through the House."

An instant later Payne had a sharp colloquy with Garner of Texas, who asked for an explanation regarding free hides.

"I will get to hides," said Payne hotly. "I know it is a local issue with the gentleman and I know he will try to hide himself behind a revenue duty in order to meet the demands of those Democrats in his district who are clamoring for a duty on hides."

"The Democrats in my district," quickly retorted Garner, "are also clamoring for free leather, free harness and free shoes."

Later he made a general attack on the so-called hide trust and said the "big four" packers controlled the hide industry in the United States.

"Do you think," interrupted Reader of Kansas, "the 'big four' would be generous enough to turn this tariff over to the consumers?"

"Oh," responded Payne, "they would turn anything over to anybody unless obliged to."

The result of placing hides upon the free list, Payne declared, "would be to

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LEAD ORE MEN FRAME PROTEST

Producers Forward Argument

Against Tariff Change.

SALT LAKE, March 22.—At a meeting today of the lead ore producers of Colorado, Nevada and Idaho, appropriate resolutions were passed protesting against a reduction of the tariff on lead. It was also decided to send a representative to Washington to represent the producers during the consideration of the tariff bill.

NEW ALASKAN MARSHAL.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 22.—The President today appointed Harvey Sullivan, formerly of Stillwater, Minn., and now of Nome, as United States Marshal for the new judicial district in Alaska with headquarters at Valdez.

The question whether the organization should be affiliated with the American Mining Congress or should be kept apart and be known as the Western Ore Producers Association was left to the executive committee for decision.

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