

TAFT POKES FUN AT POKER PARTIES

President Makes Humorous Speech at Expense of Congressmen.

SMOKING OUT "UNCLE JOE"

Declares for Deep Waterway at-Cost of \$200,000,000, but Can't Get Speaker Committed to Bond Issue.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Oct. 29.—In his speech at Vicksburg last night, President Taft had a little fun with the Congressmen on the river trip and on board whose steamer, it is said, nine poker tables were provided. Addressing the presiding officer, at the Mike Club, the President said:

"You have intimated that somebody thought it was a junket. I would not care to be defined as a junket. If it is to be defined as the man defined his pleasure when he did not take his wife with him, it is a junket. It means a journey full of pleasure and with no work and no effort in it, then I deny that it is a junket."

Pokes Fun at Poker-Players.

"You could understand the motive that prompted a number of the Congressional party to the study of human nature in which we learn so much of the lineaments of the human countenance and how they may be framed to deceive the pictures that are presented to the eyes. Therefore, I deny that this is a junket. It never is a junket where the winners have gone home and the losers are getting even."

"I would not have you think, those of you whose experience fits you to interpret fully the meaning of my remarks, that our eyes, in going down the river, have not been properly directed to the waterway before us, into the arms and back of us, and to the shores on each side, in the study of the very difficult question that presents itself as to the improvement of this river."

\$20,000,000 for Deep Waterway.

"There are those of us who are convinced beyond any change at all as to what ought to be done. There are those of us who are most willing to be convinced and yet are still somewhat doubtful as to the method which ought to be pursued as to the policy that ought to be undertaken in improving this waterway."

"I am sure the effect of this trip makes for good and for the development of the river, but there is a long fight ahead and the enthusiasm of the valley, the enthusiasm of the people in the states in the valley, does not accomplish the improvement or bring it about in the way it ultimately will come. It has to be threshed out in Congress and throughout the country and the country has to be satisfied that in expending the \$20,000,000 it will probably take \$200,000,000—it will be well spent."

"The President declared that \$200,000,000 was not a large amount for the United States to pay to develop a waterway as important as the Mississippi."

Tries to Smoke Out Cannon.

Mr. Taft in his speech last night had some fun with Cannon regarding his position with reference to water improvements. Mr. Cannon had said at Cairo that he was like St. Paul, in that the President had almost persuaded him, except as to a bond issue. The President said last night that one of the objects of the trip down the river had been to ascertain the attitude of Cannon. "But, so far," said the President, "he has been able to cloud what he really thought in the language of that Oriental literature which carries him off in a blaze of glory."

"All I have to say in the presence of the distinguished statesman is that he heretofore has intimated all I have said, with certain scriptural qualifications, and I am willing to endorse what Uncle Joe says if I may be permitted to search through 'Cruden's Concordance' and get a few scriptural quotations."

MISSISSIPPI IS LIKE WOMAN

Taft Draws Comparison and Defines Problem for Congress.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Oct. 29.—Like a woman is the Mississippi River, according to President Taft in an address in Natchez today. The President said that the Mississippi River in its power, in its willingness to make eddies and trouble, in its beauty, for it has great beauty, as we saw when we came down, reminds me of a woman. "I say it—of a beautiful and powerful woman."

"Properly directed (only by suggestion) she is the greatest aid to progress and happiness that we have in life. But she needs without discretion, thought to be heeded in where she will, by the force of her character, break out, she loses the opportunity for usefulness and sometimes wrecks everything she strikes."

"And now, that is the kind of a creature that the Waterways Association invites the Speaker of the House and his associates—a quorum, I may say, of the committee of the House on the part of the Union—to study with a view to controlling, so that we may make the most of her. And we are going to do it. Just how, neither the Speaker nor I incline to decide in your present."

Mr. Taft said he would discuss the subject in more detail at the New Orleans waterways convention. Speaker Cannon and Secretary Dickinson followed with a few remarks.

The President's party then resumed the river voyage. New Orleans likely will be reached on schedule time tomorrow morning.

STEAMERS RACE ON PARADE

One of Fleet Almost Bumps Into Taft's Vessel on Mississippi.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Oct. 29.—Not since the day the battleship Mississippi visited Natchez, and down the river, speed record from this city to New Orleans, has there been another such crowd on the bluff as greeted President Taft on his arrival here on board the light-house tender Oleaner at 9:40 o'clock this morning.

The President was nearly three hours behind time. Eight of the other vessels of the waterways fleet were in sight when the Oleaner pointed her nose into the bank, because the Oleaner, after dislodging the other boats yesterday, herself got into difficulties last night. She was blocked in Vicksburg harbor canal by later arriving boats and it took an hour and a half of river profanity and considerable tact to get her clear.

Once out of Vicksburg harbor, another incident occurred which is likely to cause trouble to some of the rivermen. The Brasias Wells won second place in the

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President Condemns Wickedness of Murder of Prince Ito.

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SEVERE SHOCK IN CURRY COUNTY

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SAN FRANCISCO.—In a head-on collision between two big touring cars on the Great Highway in this city at an early hour Friday eight people were seriously injured.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The United States gunboat Albany, which sails for the Philippines in December, will carry to the Orient a silver punch bowl and a great silver loving cup which will be presented to the Philippine

China and Japan, respectively, as tokens of the kindly feeling of the men of the Atlantic coast toward those who entertained them during the trip around the world.

CHICAGO.—While State's Attorney Wyman was at the hearing of the Jury Commission's case in Judge Barnes' court Thursday, pickpockets robbed Charles Furthmann, one of the prosecutor's aides, of a gold watch valued at \$200.

NEW YORK.—With the idea of ridding this country of the various Black Hand organizations which have been levying blackmail for years, Commissioner of Immigration Williams will soon order hearings in the case of 150 Italians suspected of being members of the Black Hand, looking to their deportation.

NEW YORK.—Believing that he was possessed by a devil, and in an effort to drive the demon out, Daniel Edwin Hurley, who said he was an actor from Providence, R. I., built a roaring bonfire in the middle of Fifth street before dark Friday and buried himself into the flames.

DENVER.—It has just become known that Charles W. Bennett, a wealthy man of Birmingham, N. Y., who died recently, willed \$200,000 to J. W. Casey, of this city, as a reward for saving his life 23 years ago.

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EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 29.—(By wireless.)—An earthquake shock of sufficient severity to arouse the sleeping populace and to crack a few windows in unsubstantial buildings was felt here shortly before 11 o'clock last night.

Rickety chimneys were thrown out of plumb and wire communication with the outside world interrupted. The quake was felt at Ferndale, Fortuna and Scotia, and it is reported that some little damage was done to a lumber mill in course of construction at the latter place.

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