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 late 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 Elks' Club, the President

wyou have intimated that somebody thought it was a junket. Well, that depends upon what you mean by 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. If 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 "You could inderstand 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, under us 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 con

"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 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 \$200,000,000—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.

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Mr. Taft in his speech last night had some fun with Speaker Cannon and 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 lishe. The President said last night that one of the objects of the trip down the river had been to

"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 glory without a full committal.

All I have to say in the presence of the distinguished statesman is that heretofore has indersed all I have said, with certain scriptural qualifications, and I am willing to indorse 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 wo-man is the Mississippi River, according

to President Taft in an address in Nat-chez today. The President said: "The Mississippi River in its power, in its willingness to make eddles and trou-ble, in its beauty, for it has great beauty as we saw when we came down, reminds dare I say it?-of a beautiful and

one—dare I say R;—of a beautiful and powerful woman.

"Properly directed (only by sugges-tion) she is the greatest sid to progress and happiness that we have in life. But treated without discretion, sought to be hommed in where she will, by the force of her character, break out, she loses the rtunity for usefulness and sometimes

wrecks everything she strikes.
"And now, that is the kind of a creature that the Waterways Assocation in-vites the Speaker of the House and his associates—a quorum, I may say, of the committee of the whole of the states 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

onfide in you at present."
Mr. Taft said he would discuss the
ubject 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 reached on schedule time tomorrow

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 vis-ited Natchez and won the river speed record from this city to New Orleans. has there been another such crow on the bluff as greeted President Taft on his arrival here on board the light-house tender Oleander at 9;40 o'clock

this morning.

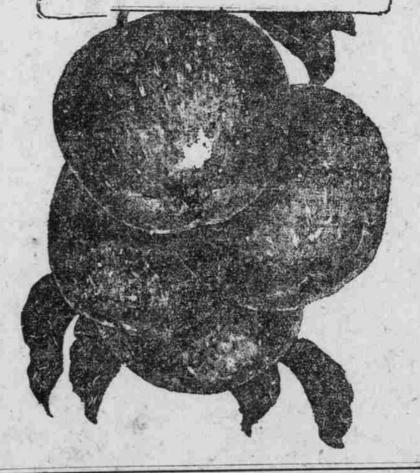
The President was nearly three Lours behind time. Eight of the other vessels of the waterways fleet were in sight when the Oleander pointed her nose into the "home way." Every Sunday from 4 to hank, because the Oleander, after distancing the other hours yesterday, herhelf Morrison—a different place to eat.

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line yesterday in the free-for-all run from Helena to Vicksburg.

The steamer Alton, which is declared to be faster than the Wells, tried to push into second place as the Oleander was leaving last night, and for a minute or more there was an exciting and dangerous scene suggestive of the old days on the Mississippi. Great clouds of smoke poured from the tall stacks of the two boats and occasional flashes of flame belehed from the black clouds. The masters were trying to push each other out of line as they rushed along.

The struggle continued until the two racers were almost at the stern wheel of the Oleander. As they came within halling distance, Commander Tillman, admiral of the fleet, called some orders through a megaphone which set things

admiral of the free; cared some others through a megaphone which set things straight. He directed the Alton to drop astern of the Wells and the race was over. Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, under whose direction the steamboat service is, was on the top deck of the Oleander, watching the midwight race.

watching the midnight race.
The idea of waiting outside of New Or-leans for the straggling members of the fleet has been abandoned, and the Oleander will enter the city just as soon as she can get there. It is hoped this will

he by noon at the latest.

President Taft was greeted here by Mayor Benrook and a reception committee. The Mayor made a brief address of welcome, and the President responded. Leaving the steamer, the President and mapy of the visiting Governors who arrived on the steamer St. Paul, were taken for an automobile drive through the The ride ended at a court of honor ne bluff, where the President made a brief address.

STEVENS VISITS ASHLAND

Goes Over Route of Proposed Electrio Line to Grants Pass.

ASHLAND, Or. Oct. 29 .- John F. Ster ens, president of the Oregon Trunk Rail-road, accompanied by John R. Allen, who recently purchased and is extending the Pacific & Eastern Railroad from Medford to Butte Falls, were in Ashland today on a tour of this section of the Rogue River Valley.

River Valley.

While here they looked for a route for the proposed electric railway system which Mr. Allen announces he will construct between Ashland and Grants Pass. The prospect of an electric line through Rogue River Valley has considerably enthused the people of this section.

TAFT SENDS SYMPATHY President Condemns Wickedness of Murder of Prince Ito.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 .- Following is the text of a message sent by President Taft to the Emperor of Japan expressing his sorrow at the death of Prince

I extend to your majesty and to the Japanese people my profound sympathy in the great doss sustained by you in the death of Prince Ito. I enjoyed the honor of his friendship. I cannot too strongly condemn the wickedness of his murder-

SUNDAY CREAM DINNER

Our cream chicken dinners have made a hit. As a novel feature everything on the menu is prepared with fine, rich cream and cooked and served in the "home way." Every Sunday from 4 to

pot 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.

Free auto ride Sunday.—Take Broadway car Sunday. October 31, and go to East Twenty-second and Thompson streets, where free autos will meet you—rain or ships between hours of 1 P. M. and 5 erable 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 Erastus Wells won second place in the

Occupants of Brick Building Rush to Streets in Fear During Shock Little Property Damage. Public Clock Stops.

REDDING, Cal., Oct. 29.-Reports received today regarding the earthquake felt last night show that it was severe throughout Shasta County and northward through the Siskiyou Mountains region, but no serious property damage resulted The miners in the Bully Hill mine at Delamar were so badly frightened by the rumbling and shaking of the earth that they started to come to the surface, In Redding several persons occupying rooms on the upper floors of brick buildings rushed to the streets. The clock in the dome of the Courthouse stopped at

10:45 P. M. Reports generally agree that the duration of the quake was 20 seconds. There were three sharp shocks, but the vibrations were continuous.

DISTINCT SHOCK ON COOS BAY

Many Marshfield People Awakened. Fortuna Suffers \$3000 Damage.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 29 .- (Special.) The earthquake shock felt on Coos Bay, as reported in a special to the Oregornian late last night, proved today to have occurred beyond a doubt. Scores of Marshfield people reported today having felt a slight but distinct shock shortly before if P. M. yesterday, five minutes later than it is reported to have been

later than it is reported to have been felt at Humboidt Bay. Some who were here during the San Francisco earth-quake say the tremer last night was more pronounced than the one felt on Coos Bay during the San Francisco dis-

Many of the Marshfield people who were asleep say that they were awakened by the shock. It seems to have been especially felt in the residence district and in the upper stories of the down-town buildings. Not the slightest damage was done here, and it is the first time for years that a shock has been felt here. The incident did not create any alarm or excitement.

The United Wireless Station picked up a message announcing the quake at Eureka. The message stated that the quake was of 25 second duration. Tonight a message stated that the damage at Fortuna was \$3000

Rumblings of Earth Accompany Quake in California.

WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Oct. 29.-The most severe earthquake ever known in Trinity County was feit here at 10:45 o'clock last night. The vibrations were from north to south and continued for 30 seconds or more as a constant shiver. At the same time rumblings in the earth were heard.

Half a dozen chimneys in Hayfork Values of the Orient a silver leving cup, most severe carthquake ever known in Trinity County was felt here at 10:45 At the same time rumblings in the earth were heard.

ley were thrown down and an old brick wall here was leveled. JARS NERVE ley were thrown down and an old and wall here was leveled.

QUAKE DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

> Siskiyou Temblors Only Shake Wires Out of Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 .- An earthquake shock, reported from several places more severe than any experienced for several years, was felt last night in Northseveral years, was led last hight in continued ern California. The vibrations continued from 10 to 15 seconds, according to ob-servers in different towns. Windows were shattered, several chimneys prostrated, dishes broken and small pieces of furniture moved, but so far as known the

financial damage was nominal Among the cities and towns where the quake was felt are Redding, Red Bluff. Chico, McCloud, Weaverville, Dunsmuir and Crescent City, in California, and Grants Pass and Marshfield, Or. It was not felt in San Francisco, nor was it recorded at the local Weather Bureau.

QUAKE DISTURBS SLUMBERS

Rickety Chimneys Thrown Out of Plumb-Wires Disabled.

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 29.—(By wire-less.)—An earthquake shock of suffi-cient 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 of plumo and wise communication white the outside world interrupted. The shake 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.

PLASTER SHAKES OFF CEILING

Earthquake Is Distinctly Felt in Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 29,-(Special.)-Yesterday afternoon, according to statements made today by stofekeepers in a lower section of the city, a distinct earthquake shock was felt here, probably the echo of the shocks felt up and down the Coast from Callfornia. In the Orange Hall, plaster was shaken

down from the celling and a number of stores felt the quake so distinctly that their employes ran out into the streets.

Crescent City Feels Quake.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)
—Inhabitants of this city were awakened last night by several slight earthquake shocks at 10:15 o'clock. The shocks traveled from south to north and were stronger at Crescent City, where it is reported that they were the heaviest felt there since 1870. No damage was done to property. ne to property.

Severe Shock in Curry County. CRESCENT CITY, Cal., Oct. 29 .- The earthquake was more severe in Curry County, Or., than here but did no serious damage. A few hours after the shock

a heavy rain and wind storm occurred

CHIMNEYS AND WALLS CRASH CONDENSED NEWS BY WIRE

London—A score of miners were killed by an explosion in the Rhymney Iron Company's colliery in Glamorganshire, Waies, Friday. Paris—The American hospital, built and equipped through the generosity of the American colony in Paris, was formally American colony opened Thursday.

China and Japan, respectively, as tokens of the kindly feeling of the men of the At-lantic fact loward those who satertained them during the trip around the world. Chicago-While State's Attorney Wyman was at the hearing of the Jury Commissioners' case in Judge Barnes' court Thursday, pickpockets robbed Charles Furthmann, one of the prosecutor's aides, of a gold watch valued at \$298.

valued at \$290.

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 hang around the undertakers said he was an actor from Providence, R. I., built a roaring bonfire in the middle of little that the didness of little that the constraint of the filter to the friendless dead, are about to join the ranks of organized labor.

Denver—It has just become known that

Denver—It has just become known that harles W. Bennett, a wealthy map of Bingamton, N. Y., who died recently, willed tee, 909 to J. W. Cassy, of this city, as a cward for saving his life 30 years ago.

Washington—To train Indians in agri-cultural pursuits on a broader and more practical scale, the Indian Bureau has un-dertaken the project of installing model farms on all Indian reservations, with teachers who have been trained in scientific agricultural schools

Chicago Charging that her busband. Kazan Cho Yo, author and former instructor in the University of Toklo, had crippled her by applying 310 litsu methods of cruelty. Mrs. Grots Cha Yo. American wife of the Oriental, was granted a decree of divorce here Thursday.

Casey is the proprietor of a prosperous laundry here and is himself comfortably off. Iowa and Michigan Shipping Goods

West by Water.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 29.—Shippers in points as far west as Detroit, Mich., and Cedar Rapids, is., are sending their goods to Pacific Coast points by way of New York, thence by water to the Isthmus of Tehuantenec, Mex., thence across the Isthmus, thence by water to San Diego, and finally from the point by call to their final desiling.

the Interstate Commerce Commission, by witnesses at the hearing of the peti-tion of the Los Angeles Johners' Asso-ciation for terminal rates to San Pedro. The hearing was concluded today.

