

INSURGENTS SHOWN GRIDIRON CLUB

Noted Newspaper Body Gives Travesty on Proceedings in Congress.

GUESTS ROASTED TO TURN

Every Course Is Introduced With Skit on Men and Measures and Guests Retaliate in Night of Rollicking Fun.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—That unique organization of newspapermen, the Gridiron Club, entertained its friends at dinner tonight, and it would be hard to tell which got the most fun out of the varied melange of wit and humor, of sense and nonsense, that was poured forth by the guests or the hosts.

There were many men of high degree among the former; men of sterner visage, with faces lined with the burdens of public charges and responsibilities; yet they laughed like schoolboys and chuckled and chattered with mirth at the merry quips and jests of the scribes that untiringly played upon the follies of some of their own number or hit off in a roaring skit some fatal weakness in the party policies.

And the hosts had that keen sense of enjoyment that comes from a knowledge that one has prevailed successfully to the utmost demands of mind and matter and has supplemented a report of the most important events of the day with a bit of humor and satire calculated to add infinite zest to the entertainment.

Jokes Come Between Courses.

Gridiron dinners differ from most other formal affairs of the table in the fact that a guest does not waste breath by through a heavy course dinner clear down to the coffee and cigars and only then, with brain more or less dulled, have an opportunity to listen to roasts of oratory. No speaker is permitted to take the fun begins with the very seating of the guests and sparkles and crackles through the dinner, and interrupts courses in a fashion calculated to drive a well-meaning chef to distraction.

Tonight's dinner was no exception to the rule, for almost at the outset there was what appeared to be a bitter row over the inauguration of Richard V. Calahan, publisher of the New York Sun, to preside over the dinner of the Gridiron Club for the next year. Quite unaware of opposition, he had taken his seat at the very handle of the gridiron, when he was fiercely beset by the famous Democratic "Committee of Fifteen." Because they had undertaken to run the business of the House of Representatives, relieving of all responsibility the unfortunate Speaker (Champ Clark), whom they exhibited in shackles to demonstrate what a rules fight in one Congress can do to a peevish and obstinate man, they now extended their ambitious designs and demanded to be inaugurated as president of the Gridiron Club.

Japanese Spy Unearthed.

Scarcely had the committee been placated by being resolved into a "hog combine," the newly-installed president Japanese spy was unearthed. Papers of the most compromising nature were found upon his person, such as a diagram "showing where Honorable Cummings will place his feet on the porch of White House." "Blue print of Hon. Taft's mind when Hon. Hitchcock refused to be impeached with loss of seat out of Republican National Committee." "Photograph record showing long intervals of silence at Oyster Bay" and "Measurements of Honorable Boies into which Congress throws him \$100,000 each year." Just when the excitement ran highest, it was discovered that the pseudo-spy was Richmond Pearson Hobson—the "Japanese War Scare."

Blithe enough was the sprightly clerk who announced to the diners that the House had passed the reciprocity bill, which he had in his hand. But just as an awful figure a few minutes later as he emerged from the door of the Senate chamber, with his clothes in tatters, his hat knocked over his eyes and the parchment of the bill in shreds—"all that was left of reciprocity."

Lecturer Tells of Men and Measures.

Then for a moment the dining hall with its exquisitely beautiful floral embellishments was plunged into blackness, and the great fiery gridiron over President Taft's head faded away. In sepulchral tones a lecturer lifted his voice amid the chill silence and discoursed mournfully, and then in turn with pungent wit, up-to-date news and measures, and shrieks of laughter were heard as a remorseless spotlight was directed upon the shrinking victims of his shafts of wit and sarcasm in order disclosed to their fellow-guests.

Thinking that he had quieted all opposition in disposing of the "committee of fifteen," the newly-installed president of the club had been lulled into false security. Before his very eyes a big table was spread like magic in the open space below his seat and in a twinkling an opposition dinner was in full blast over his protests. It appeared that there were insurgents, even in the Gridiron Club, and they had taken this method of showing their independence. They utterly disregarded the president of the club and snugly constituted themselves a mutual admiration society.

Insurgents Have Dinner, Too.

"It is perfectly wonderful how we do it," (meaning the dinner), says one. "It is amazing how much talent, volunteers another, to whom a third gravely asserts: 'However, we admit it.' Notable guests had the insurgents, too. Among them were counterfeiter presentments of Carnegie, Tawney, Cannon, Sherman, Beveridge, Fairbanks and Champ Clark (all of whom were present in the flesh at the real guest tables, and these were called upon in turn to address the diners briefly. Each of the little speeches was a bit of delicious parody upon the well-known oratorical styles of the originals. Carnegie, for instance, objected to the number of windows adjacent to his library, as not affording dead wall space in 31 places for his own name, and his ambition was "to die poor, but advertised."

Tawney was bitterly opposed to more battleships and economy was his watchword, but he stood for public buildings and for the many creeks that needed deepening. Fairbanks never attended a more joyous dinner, wherever he felt called upon to aid to the hilarity by a few words "in tribute to the great leaders who rested beneath the money tombs on yonder hills." He had mentioned them at the preceding club dinner, but felt justified in recurring to the subject because "they are still dead."

Sherman's Story Is Aged.

Vice-President Sherman's double told the inevitable anecdotes, only in this case it was unacceptably aged and shoppily original. "Let me but write the political news of the Nation and the Old Guard will get the votes," said he. Beveridge's representative "stood fearlessly for the uplift." In fact, he was the uplift himself. He had never missed an opportunity to make a speech, and indeed he "had made a great many when there were no opportunities."

Champ Clark was fairly obsessed with his love for Uncle Joe, but, of course, that had nothing to do with the fact that "he will be fussing around on the floor of the House when I am up in the Speaker's chair."

All of the speakers, by a singular coincidence, expressed their undying admiration of the Gridiron Club, "no member of which had ever betrayed their confidence."

Though a few days after the Sentimental Saint's annual visitation, the Gridiron Club was resolved that

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY PI-ONEER DIES AT EAGLE POINT AT AGE OF 83.



MEADFORD, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—A resident of the Rogue River Valley since 1853, John McKee, aged 83 years, was buried today in the McKee Cemetery on Forest Creek, the same ground upon which he first located when he arrived in the valley. The aged pioneer died at Eagle Point last Wednesday. He is survived by nine sons and daughters: A. D. McKee and A. M. McKee, of Applegate, Or.; George McKee, of Grant County; W. H. McKee, of Klamath Falls; John McKee, Mrs. Emma Redenbush and Mrs. John Higginbotham, of Big Butte, Or.; Mrs. King, of Ashland and Mrs. Fort Hubbard, of Medford. His wife died here two years ago. Mr. McKee was born in Logan County, O., and moved to Missouri at an early age. When 16 he came to Oregon and engaged in mining on Forest Creek, near Jacksonville. Later he engaged in farming. He lived at Big Butte until he was 60 years of age, when he moved to Eagle Point, where he had gone for medical treatment.

its guests should not suffer for their valentines, and the pretty missives were personally bestowed upon the favored guests by the speaker. The National Captid with diaphanous wings (and little else), who cruelly insisted upon proclaiming about each choice bit of sentimentality, was aided by a 200-pound half-conscious jester at the expense of the recipients.

Kansas Insurgent in Flight.

Catching up and holding together the reins and adding to the jollity of the occasion were the topical songs of the famous Gridiron quartet, replete with sparkling humor, yet abounding in the sweetest melody. President Taft was not given the usual number of turns on the red-hot gridiron, so he had a better opportunity to enjoy himself and doubtless one of the songs especially appealed to his risibility. It was entitled "The Tariff Whoop," and pictured the plight of a sturdy Kansas member of Congress, who had been shrieking for tariff reduction and:

Kicked up such a terrible din That President Taft suggestively laughed. To cut rates he started right in. Feeling and determining and, he put farm products on the free list. But the Kansas insurgent held views so

He begged his colleagues to desist. And the solo in the chorus rang out: "Great guns, Holy Smoke, Can't Bill Taft take a joke?" Carnegie received a special tribute, being saluted in a con song beginning: "A man named Andrew Carnegie was born giving things away. 'He thought that he was Santa Claus and every day was Christmas day' etc. And Uncle Joe and Roosevelt and Champ Clark and Dewey and other eridged had their roasts in combination in a "Song of Famous Men."

Guests Roast Hosts Also.

It is not to be supposed for a moment that the Gridironers did all the roasting, though. The victims of the grill came back in great style, and it is to be regretted that the inviolable rule of the famous organization, which protects the utterances of the guests of the Gridiron Club from publication, operates to consign to oblivion some of the brilliant and witty and sometimes pathetic deliverances of the greatest brains of the Nation.

NEW DRILL IS TRIED OUT

Twelfth Cavalry Experiments While En Route From Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Colonel George A. Dodd, commander of the Twelfth Cavalry, which arrived the first of the week from Manila, has invented a new drill never before attempted by any branch of the army. The entire regiment participated in a tryout of the new manual while on the Pacific. Though the entire drill is performed without a single verbal order, it is by no means silent, the callathetics being accompanied by the regimental band. The German army's goose step is the feature. This consists of a walk in which the troopers step high, but bring their feet back to the starting place. The music is important. When the troops marched slowly around the Legion camp Meeting, "The Barn Dance" gave inspiration to tired soldiers to double time, while the "Eye Waltz" was played as every soldier and officer including Colonel Dodd hopped forward three steps on the right foot, then a like number on the left foot. The last exercise may take the place of the annual 90-mile ride.



Striking Styles for Spring In Men's Apparel Now on Exhibition

Ladies' and Misses' Fashions in Plain Tailored Suits, Up-to-the-Minute in Make

THIRD ATTACK BY DENNIS IS FAILURE

British Parliament Finally Committed to Home Rule for Ireland.

ASQUITH IS EXULTANT

Debate in House Is Triumph for Parties in Coalition—Redmond's Plea for Reconciliation Even Wins Over Enemy, O'Brien.

IRELAND'S TRIUMPH CERTAIN.

But the Irish factions power of mischief is submerged in the great, united fight of the Liberals and Irish against the Lords and for home rule. Finally the debate is of immense service in clearing the air, both in England and Ireland. England now is prepared, 12 months before the introduction of the home rule bill, to consider the home rule problem, and Ireland, though having no united and determined and Tories so helplessly divided and discouraged, home rule at last is marching to a certain and early triumph.

BOATS STOP AEROPLANE

CURTIS MACHINE BLOCKED IN FLIGHT OFF WATER.

Lieutenant Ellison Starts Propeller and Falls Into Bay to Escape Whirling Blades.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 18.—While trying out a new hydro-aeroplane on San Diego Bay this afternoon, Glenn H. Curtiss encountered a flock of motorboats and sailboats that had gathered to watch his trial and, in order to avoid accident to his machine from the rough water they kicked up, stopped his motor.

MADERO TAKES TO MOUNTAINS

Navarro Finds Guadalupe Deserted. Border Guard Causes Protest.

EL PASO, Feb. 18.—Federal troops sent out by General Navarro yesterday are encamped tonight within a few miles of Guadalupe and San Ignacio, but Francisco L. Madero, his provisional government and insurgent forces have disappeared. It is believed they have retreated to the mountain fastnesses, confident that the Federals will not follow them.

MOUNTAIN HOME GROWS FAST. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Population statistics announced today included Mountain Home, Idaho, with a population of 1910 of 1411, compared with 329 in

ARMY HAS SCURVY

Disease Only Enemy Which Worries Mexican Rebels.

NAVARRO MARCHES WEST

Berthold and Leyva Expect Attack at Mexicali—Warning From Babcock Brings Tart Reply—Force May Divide for Attack.

MEXICALI, Mex., Feb. 18.—While false alarms of Federal forces kept the insurgents outposts in excitement today, the leaders and men were worried over the appearance of a more dangerous foe—one to wait during that interval, is consoling by the knowledge that the Liberals mean business and the general conviction that, with the Liberal ranks so united and determined and the Tories so helplessly divided and discouraged, home rule at last is marching to a certain and early triumph.

REBELS SEIZE RAILROAD TERMINUS.

QUADALAJARA, Mex., Feb. 18.—Train service on the Yaqui River line in Sonora has been discontinued because Tonolca, the terminus of the road, is in possession of the insurgents and the camp of the Sunset Development Company, a Southern Pacific property, has been taken possession of. Mexicans were disarmed by the rebels, but the Americans in the camp were not molested.

RATE ADVANCE SUSPENDED

Commission Blocks Rise From Middle West to Southwest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—An order was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission today, suspending until June 15 advances in freight rates from Chicago, Kansas City and other places, making the same rates to points in the Southeastern and South Atlantic Coast territories.

Objection to the suspended tariffs known as the Leland tariffs was filed with the Commission on behalf of 220 common carriers operating in the Middle West, Central Traffic, Southwestern and Southern Atlantic Coast territories.

The traffic made advances on various classes and commodities, including particularly agricultural implements and vehicles of all kinds. They were to have become effective on February 20. This is regarded by the Commission as one of the most important suspension orders thus far issued under the new law.

FORGER GETS UNLIMITED TERM.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Joe McMillan, indicted by the grand jury Monday on two counts charging him with forgery, pleaded guilty before Judge Henry L. Benson and was sentenced to serve from two to 20 years in the penitentiary. McMillan forged the names of his former employers, Wickstrom & Linman, boat-builders at Shippington, a suburb of Klamath Falls, on two checks, one for \$8.50 and another for \$18, which he cashed. He also had one forged with the same names for \$75, but was unable to cash it.

CARNEGIE GIFT TAKEN

\$10,000,000 ACCEPTED BY INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON.

Donor Imposes Conditions Regarding Use of Money—Emergency Fund Is Created.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The board of trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington today formally accepted the gift of \$10,000,000 made last month by Andrew Carnegie and listened to the reading of Mr. Carnegie's letter announcing the gift, in which the donor said:

"I stipulate as a condition of this gift that unless expressly relieved therefrom by me, you shall set apart annually for the next 10 years a sum not less than \$250,000 in cash to be held in a reserve fund as against losses, emergencies, reduction in income and the diminishing purchasing power of money.

"It will also give the board more time to study suggestions submitted to it and avoid the danger of premature action. Better that new ideas should be tested on a small scale before going deeply into them.

"I hope the work at Mount Wilson will be vigorously pushed, because I am anxious to hear the expected results from it. I should like to be satisfied, before I depart, that we are going to repay to the old land some part of the debt we owe them by revealing more clearly, than ever to them the new heavens."

It was announced that although no new plans had been inaugurated as a result of the gift, some action would be taken at the next regular annual meeting of the trustees next December.

Carnegie Offers Danes Hero Fund

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to establish a hero fund of \$100,000 in Denmark. The foreign office already has expressed its gratitude for the proposed gift.

"77" HUMPHREYS' SEVENTY-SEVEN breaks up Colds and GRIP

"Seventy-seven" taken early, shortens the attack. Be careful, during the prevailing epidemic of Grip, keep your feet dry and your body warm and take "Seventy-seven" at the first sneeze or shiver. Don't wait until your bones begin to ache; until the development of Influenza, Catarrh, Pains and Soreness in the Head and Chest, Cough, Sore Throat, General Prostration and Fever or the cure may take longer. Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Co., Cor. William and Ann Streets, New York.