

COFFROTH WILL DELAY HIS BID

San Francisco Promoter's
Only Fear Is of Jack
Gleason.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Oct. 30.—Jimmy Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, said tonight that he was not going to bid on the Jeffries-Johnson fight until the last hour of November 30. James stated his position in this fashion:
"I have not given the thing a thought—never until the men had signed their signatures to some kind of an agreement. Of course I will say that I figured a little with pencil and paper on the train east. The men demand that bids be in by December 1, and that the bidders hand in their figures in person. That will keep me in New York a month, but I will be there when the time comes. I will make a General Sherman of the finish and I won't be quibbled."
"I have not, and I suppose that the fighters haven't paid a particle of attention to the bids that have already been announced. Any man who announced a bid before the men signed simply did so for advertising purposes."

Lookout for Gleason.
"The man who will give me a run for the honor of staging that fight will be Jack Gleason of San Francisco. Jack and Berger are one. They were partners in a fight club and are still close friends. Gleason intends to build an arena at Oceanview, outside the city limits just as my club is situated. Berger will naturally pull every wire from the Jeffries camp to place that fight in front of Gleason. Despite that, from past associations with me, I feel that both Johnson and Jeffries would prefer to fight before my Colma institution."

The 30 round clubs of San Francisco proper won't be in on it for two reasons. They have been practically eliminated by the contestants who signed a desire to travel a distance. And then a change of city administration is to follow Tuesday's election so that all bids coming from their sound foothold."

On Job When Times Comes.
"When the time comes I will bid. It would not be good business to bid now, for it would be a simple matter for the other fellow to go a dollar better. That's what I am laying back for. All conditions being equal, the men will favor my handling the great attraction."

Joe Humphreys was at the conference Friday and took a lively interest in all the arrangements. Joe says afterward that he was present in the interest of the people who intended to divulge the names, and has nothing to say when asked if Sam Harris was the dark horse.
Jeffries missed his daily grind at Cooper's gymnasium today. Evidently the big fellow wanted a breathing spell after the long talk of meeting with Johnson. The latter went to Long Island in his racing car to watch the Vanderbilt cup race.
"Lil Arthurs" was rather startled at the speed with which the drivers sent their powerful cars along. Johnson will go to Chicago Sunday morning."

NEW ORLEANS ANNEXES TAFT

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to have the game included in the program and of course both the game and the parade were impossible. The flaw in the argument against the dashing Butt is that nobody anywhere ever mentioned him. Taft did anything he wanted to do.

But He Went, Just the Same.
"Why should I go to a football game," said the president, when the matter was broached to him on the Oleander. The answer is that Sewanee, Butt's alma mater, won 15 to 6, and the president was there with Archie to witness the triumph. Just to show that there was not purpose to be partial, the president also stopped in and saw a few minutes of play at the Tulane-Mississippi agricultural and mechanical college game.

The fleet came to New Orleans this morning with all flags flying, and everybody aboard happy and cheerful. Twenty miles up the river the torpedo boat flotilla, that was to have escorted the fleet down from Cairo but was forced to avoid spreading the winter on the mud flats, picked up the fleet and awakened the president by leaving before 6 o'clock in the morning, with a salute of 21 guns. A little later they began to smoke like a Dutch burgher and they so obliterated the landscape that the president got even on the early call by showing them a speed to this city. There was comparative peace after that until the outposts of New Orleans began to loom up and then bedlam was cut loose.

Everybody Makes Noise.
Apparently everybody in this country has a shotgun or pocket artillery. They were all out this morning blazing away salutes in unison with the warships as the city. White smoke was tied open, bells clanging, the river ships were a mass of bunting. The wharves were lined with thousands of people and the river swarmed with small craft. Immediately upon landing, the president was escorted to the palace of Archbishop Blenk for luncheon, and from there went direct to the waterways convention, which after all was the chief object of his visit here, even if the archbishop's of the "14 feet through the valley" are urging their less sanguine friends not to be too much discouraged by the president's address.

Represents Roosevelt Policies.
An amusing thing in connection with the president's address on waterways was that when he told the delegates that he was delighted to be with them a burst

ACACIA CHAPTER INSTALLED AT U. OF O.



View of Acacia Clubhouse and Members at U. of O., Eugene.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
University of Oregon, Eugene, Or. Oct. 30.—An important event in rivalry social circles took place this week when the local Masonic club was installed as a chapter of the Acacia National college fraternity. The installation was conducted Thursday evening by officers from Stanford and Portland. Following this the visitors were given an elaborate banquet. Five hundred invitations were sent for the formal reception at the club house Friday evening. Most of the other college fraternities and clubs attended en masse. It was one of the brilliant affairs of the year.
The Acacia fraternity is allied to the Masonic order, Masons and their sons being eligible. It was founded at the University of Michigan in 1897, and supports 18 chapters in the best universities of the country as Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Michigan, Wisconsin, Stanford and California. It is considered very flattering that the local petition was granted within a year.

of applause swept over the house. Catching the point quickly, the president said: "You see we represent in our administration the Roosevelt policies to the full."

He paid a high compliment to the beauty and charms of New Orleans women, and warned the delegates that if they were not careful they would soon forget all about the Mississippi river. The cabinet party that has been accompanying the president will break up here.

Immediately after the performance of the French opera tonight Postmaster General Hitchcock left here for Boston, where he goes to vote at the election on Monday. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel leaves the president here to go into Texas. Secretary Dickinson will leave the party at Birmingham on Tuesday.

COST OF RIVER DEVELOPMENT HAS TAFT'S ATTENTION

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New Orleans, La., Oct. 30.—"We have got to come down to brass tacks, where mere general oratory in favor of a waterway does not suffice. It is the question, what can you do, how much will it cost, how long will it take, and in what will it result? Now, when you address yourself to this problem and treat it as a mere question of transportation on a profitable basis, I have not the slightest doubt that you will reach a solution that will appeal to those who have the responsibility of voting the money for the government and that you will get what you desire in a measurable time."

Responsibility on Congress.
In these words President Taft concluded his speech today before the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways association. By so doing, according to the interpretation of the delegates who heard him, he handed the responsibility for the future of the waterway to congress. This was his utterance after five days on the river under the auspices of the waterways' enthusiasts of the country's central cities, and beyond a mention of bonds that set the delegates yelling for a moment, the address contained little hope for the men who are shouting "fourteen feet through the valley" and "river regulation is rate regulation."

The president's address impressed the delegates with the belief that the one point which the president found most impressive is the tremendous cost of the work to deepen and maintain a channel in the Mississippi. This seemed to be more impressive than the immediate need of the work.
The key note of the speech was "look before you leap."
"We are glad to be here," he said, in one breath, "because our coming indicates what we hope may be an epoch in the change of the character of the transportation of the country. But he hastily added: "Do not misunderstand me. I do not think we are going to fill the bosom of the Mississippi with barges and ocean steamers tomorrow morning. The change which is bound to come will come gradually. It will come with the demand that is certainly growing for an improvement in our transportation and the cheapening of that kind of transportation, to wit: bulky merchandise."

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"We have seen human ingenuity turned and developed to the highest degree in the growth of our railroad transportation and the economy of the conduct of railroads. But the condition of our rivers, the apparently hopeless task of making them useful, has turned the public attention from them, and there is not, in reference to river construction or river navigation, that in the last 40 years."

"Now we have reached a point where we are bound to use the river because the amount that is required to be carried will necessitate it. In Germany and in other foreign countries to which we are pointed to show what can be done with river navigation, the government exercises control and says: 'We will respect to the rates, certain of them shall be such on the river that bulky merchandise