

### CORBETT GRILLS JACK JOHNSON

Says He Is Too Fresh and Puts Up a Five Thousand Dollar Profit That He Will Put the Gloves on With Him—Delighted With Jeff.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 28.—"Jack Johnson is a big, fresh nigger. He forgets he is speaking to white people," said Jim Corbett today referring to the statement attributed to Johnson that Corbett was afraid to come out to Seal Rock house to spar with him.

"These niggers are getting too fresh, anyway," continued Corbett. "My offer to bet \$5000 with Johnson that I am willing to go to his quarters and don the gloves with him stands."

"I think the coon has a yellow streak so broad that it reaches from finger tip to finger tip, and it will take more than the best trainer in the country to make him lose it. It is a hard thing to supply a man with courage when he hasn't got it."

"Jim Jeffries is in splendid condition. I am satisfied from his showing at Dreamland last night that he needs no more hard work and is fit for the battle of his life if he only follows light work from now on."

"Jeffries now needs a fast sparring partner, who will let him go the limit with his punches and show him at the same time how to jump around the ring. If he does that he will not go stale and he will have added to his knowledge of ring generalship."

"You can say for me that there will be no boss at Rowardlenran. No one will have leadership but all will work to perfect Jeffries' condition and I am sure harmony will exist at the camp."

### NIAGARA CHEMICAL MANUFACTORY BURNS

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., May 28.—The Hoeker Development Company's plant, one of the largest chemical concerns in America, is a heap of smoking ruins today. Firemen are still working about the ruins being careful to extinguish the last vestige of fire lest an explosion occur in the chemicals left in the wrecked building. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

### TEDDY TO DINE WITH COLLIER

Former President Writes Letter Declaring Sympathy With Insurgents and Opposition to Uncle Joe Cannon—Accepts Invitation.

WASHINGTON D. C., May 28.—At the Capitol today a representative of the United Press was shown a letter just received from Roosevelt practically endorsing the fight against Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and the house "organization and inviting one of the influential insurgents to meet his in New York on his arrival in America."

**To Meet Collier.**  
Coupled with the letter comes the announcement today an excellent authority that Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given June 23 by Robert G. Collier, editor of Collier's Magazine, and one of the strongest supporters of the insurgent cause.

The letter shown to the United Press representative today was an answer to a nine-page exposition of the insurgent position covering fully late developments in the insurgent fight. In reply, Roosevelt sent just five lines.

In effect the letter says: "You know my views on the insurgent situation. They remain unchanged since I last talked with you. I wish to see you in New York immediately after my arrival there."

**Disapproves Leaders.**  
"I know Roosevelt thoroughly disapproved of the present leaders, both of the house and the senate, before he left America," said the recipient of the letter. "I had every reason to know that they were not only out of sympathy with the Roosevelt policies, but that they had allowed themselves to get out of touch with the sentiments of the public in general."

"I believe that Roosevelt has no personal objection to Cannon and the other organization leaders, but that he disapproves their methods which he considers a relic of bossism."

Roosevelt's letter was written from Dorchester House, ambassador Reid's home.  
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