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The Taft letter expressed a preference for the supreme bench but said that circumstances seemed to have imposed upon him a trust that he could not disregard.

The editors of the magazine say the letters were purchased by a correspondent and that they are published with authority, though Roosevelt's letter is marked "confidential." The letters in part follow:

**Roosevelt's Letter.**

"(Confidential)

"The White House, Washington, March 15, 1906.—Dear Will:

"I think I have been in error as to your feeling. You say that it is your decided preference to continue in your present work. I had not understood. On the contrary, I gathered that what you really wanted to do was to go on the bench and that my urging was in the line of your inclination, but in a matter in which you were in doubt as to your duty.

"My dear Will, it is preminently a matter in which no other man can take the responsibility in deciding for you what is right and best for you to do. Nobody could decide for me whether I should go to war or stay as assistant secretary of the navy. Nobody could decide for me whether I should accept the vice-presidency or try to continue as governor. In each case it is the man himself who is to lead his life after having decided one way or the other. No one can lead that life for him, and neither he nor anyone else can afford to have anyone else make the decision for him; because the vital factor in the decision must be a question of the man himself.

"As I see the situation it is this: There are strong arguments against your taking this justiceship. In the first place, my belief that of all men that have appeared so far you are the man who is most likely to receive it. It is not a light thing to cast aside the chance of the presidency, even though, of course, it is a chance, however good a one.

"Now, my dear Will, there is the situation as I see it. It is a hard choice to make, and you yourself have to make it. You have two alternatives before you, each with uncertain possibilities, and you cannot be sure that which ever you take, you will not afterward feel that it would have been better if you had taken the other. But whichever you take, I know that you will render great and durable service to the nation for many years to come. No one can with wisdom advise you.

"Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The Taft letter in reply is dated more than four months later and there was probably considerable intervening discussion of the subject.

**Reply of Taft.**

"Point-A-Pic, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 30, 1906. My Dear President:

"You have been good enough to offer to appoint me to the supreme bench to succeed Justice Brown, and I have not hesitated to express to you a number of times the pleasure I would have in accepting the appointment if I could do so. The reason for my hesitation was the condition of matters in the war department, including the Philippines and Panama canal bureaus. Of course, we will still be the subject of attack for what has been done and I could, perhaps, meet the attack better than anyone else because of my familiarity with what has been done.

"I have been connected with the administration of civil government in the Philippine Islands since February, 1900. Much of what has been done in working out the problem and carrying the burden thrust upon the United States, I am more or less responsible for.

"It is the necessity one is under in carrying on public business, of securing witnesses and establishing evidence in respect to each thing done that one is not a thief and has not a corrupt motive which makes administrative work so irksome to me, but, of course, it is part of the burden one assumes and it is cowardly to run away from it when one is in it.

"But I am confident you credit my reasons as I give them to you and will believe me when I say I would much prefer to go on the supreme bench for life than to run for the presidency.

"Please do not misunderstand me to think that I am indispensable, or that the world would not run on much the same if I were to disappear in the St. Lawrence river; but circumstances seem to me to have imposed something in the nature of a trust to me personally that I should not discharge by now succeeding Justice Brown. In the nature of things the trust must end with this administration, and one or two years is short to do much. Yet the next session of congress may result in much for the benefit of the Filipino, and it seems to me it is my duty to be in the fight.

"Sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

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### BLIND CELEBRITIES IN ENGLAND ARE SUCCESSFUL

Dr. Campbell of Norwood has been the most successful of blind mountaineers, having actually climbed to the summit of Mont Blanc; but he had a close competitor in Henry Fawcett, M. P., the blind postmaster general, who once ascended the Cima di Jazzi, near Zermatt, a mountain more than 12,500 feet high.

Mr. Wolstenholme, the blind organist and composer, was educated at the college for the blind at Worcester, where youths are prepared for the universities and for professional careers. Quite a number of them have entered the church and become successful clergymen, and one, Dr. Ranger, is a well known London solicitor, conducting an extensive practice in the city.

At the Worcester Blind college the pupils take the same lessons and pass the same examination as at other public schools, and play the same games. They are quite expert at both cricket and football, a hollow ball being used fitted with a bell, so that they are guided by sound

Nearly 50 per cent of them take university degrees and 25 per cent gain university honors, a proportion probably exceeding any other public school. At the recent prize distribution Mr. Wolstenholme gave an organ recital and one of the principal speakers was another former pupil, Rev. H. J. R. Marston, the blind incumbent of Belgrave chapel, London, a first class in classics and at one time a university extension lecturer.

### THE STRANGE CHANCES OF GAMBLING

There are systems, some will say, that will defeat the bank at Monte Carlo. I have not found one. Two factors settle all systems. One is the bank's limit, which prevents the doubling system so often advocated; the second the extraordinary idiosyncrasies of chance. Red or black will often run in long series. I saw 15 reds come up in succession one one occasion; 17 uneven numbers in an unbroken series on another.

One evening, on a losing day, I was playing the first six numbers and persistently for some hours the last 12 numbers invariably turned up. Once I saw 21 come up four times in succession, when mathematically it should have taken 144 coups to make it show that number of time—and still more strange that on this occason each time it came up a gentleman had staked the limit on the number, namely,180 france, winning in ten minutes something over 24,000 francs. One readily sees by these instances the unexpected very often happens, in fact more often than not. —Arthur Hewitt in the Bohemian for October.

### STATE NEWS.

A plan is before the Medford council to give the Gothenberg association, a society for the promotion of the moderate sale of liquor, an exclusive license for ten years for $55,000.

The second annual horse show at Portland is proving a success.

Hood River is ready for her fruit fair. Big shipments have been received.

The enrollment at the State University is now 510.

### THE MESSAGE

I hahdly noticed how de summer time done pass away
An' de autumn come a-rappin' at de do'
'Cause de breeze kep' on a-singin' an de blossoms was as gay
An' de sunshine was as smilin' as befo'.
I kind o' got a feelin' all contented an' secure
Like dar wasn' any trouble loafin' 'round',
A-figgerin' dat my comfort an' my happiness was sure,
When a leaf come slowly driftin' to de groun'.

It jes' got tired o' clingin' 'cause it knew de cold was near.
It warn't no use o' waitin' foh a freeze.
An' soon a comrade lef' de limb above an' floated near.
An' still de sun kep' smilin' th'oo de trees,
An' de flowers kep' a-bloomin'; but I sholy got de blues
An' de wind took on a solemn winter sound.
'Twere like a telegraph dat carried mighty mo'nful news,
Dat valler leaf dat fluttered to de ground.

—Washington Star.

### Getting into Monte Carlo.

I came to Monte Carlo at night: it was as though some palace of a fairy land had greeted me. Monaco's giant rocks rose heavenward, their lighted headlands blending with a starry, yet ink-black, sky. You leave the train behind—there is an ascent of many steps, marble steps, a stairway of splendor adorned with bronzes. At the top, through a garden of great plams, you get the first glimpse of the Casino, a building of guady splendor, somewhat subdued at night; and your thoughts are of satisfaction and pleasure. But musings like these came to an abrupt end; the crowd swept on the Casino, and the reality was before me.

Now came the formality of obtaining from the authorities the admission card. I experienced difficulty, and it was only after proving my identity and professional standing that the green card was handed me.

No one is wanted in the Casino who is a local resident; you have to live far away and be an employer rather than an employe; this rule is made to lessen the chance of the scandal often coincident with loss. After traversing the splendid hallways the card was scrutinized, and at last the doorkeepers, with profound obeisance, ushered me in to the gambling salon.

You ask me for impressions—first impressions. Well, I will tell you—the neurotic perfumes of this southern land, the noise as of raining gold, the atmosphere or aura of the place, unseen yet none the less forceful, these impelled me to dive into my pocket and test the goddess Fortune. —Arthur Hewitt in the Bohemian for October.

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### GETS BEAR WITH HARRIMAN HOUND

Col. Grimes landed the first bear treed by the E. H. Harriman hounds, according to a telephone message from the hunters received at Marshfield last evening. The hounds were taken out from the Ten Mile headquarters about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and by 5 o'clock had a fine big black bear up in a tree and in a moment Col. Grimes with his trusty "Davy Crockett" had landed him.

Few details of the bear hunt have reached here yet, but it is expected that Dr. E. Mingus and others of the hunting party will be back tomorrow. According to a wireless received by Dorsey Kreitzer, Dr. A. L. Houseworth got the first bead on bruin after it had been treed, but thinking of how he (Houseworth) had been fooled on his first deer hunt near the Gould ranch a few months ago, he let his rifle drop to ask if the bear was really alive.

"If he is, he won't be much longer," retorted Col. Grimes as he pulled the trigger.

The members of the first hunting party with the Harriman hounds consisted of Dr. E. Mingus, Col. Wm. Grimes, Thayer Grimes, Dr. A. L. Houseworth and Charles Noble. Albert Matson who had expected to be with them was unexpectedly detained.

Col. Wright, Wm. Noble and others hit the trial for Ten Mile this morning to see how many more bear could be landed with experienced hunters behind the real bear hounds.

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