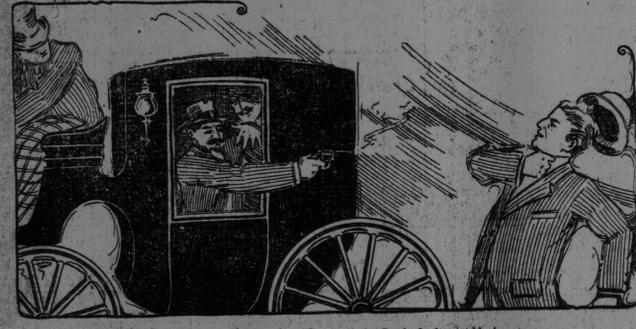


Cranks who call on the President



Scarcely a month of the four years in office of a President of the United States passed that at least one crank, more or less mentally deranged, does not call at the White House to tell him exactly how the affairs of government should be managed or to bag an utterly foolish favor at his hands.

And there is scarcely one crank out of all that may call within that allotted time who ever sees the President face to face. Chief White and his Secret Service operatives and the employees at the White House are ever on the alert for such individuals. They handle them promptly the minute they are recognized for what they are. Once in a very great while—generally years—cranks may get by the guards and speak personally with the President. But such an occurrence is as rare as a snowstorm in Florida in August.

They come—these cranks—with "missions" of the utmost importance—from all walks in life and in all ages. Many of them are well educated and give but slight indication of their mental derangement. Though the majority of them are men, a large percentage of whom are foreign born, women are not infrequently found among them. Fortunately, most of them are harmless and are to be pitied rather than censured for the queer concepts of their unbalanced minds. But the guards cannot afford to take chances with any of them. They are either carried into leaving upon some attractive pretext or ejected firmly and decisively. Many of them are serious; a few are merely pitifully humorous and grotesque. Whatever their nature, they must first convince the policeman of the White House guard, President Roosevelt's administration, that these cranks were apprehended and sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane, across the Potomac River, in the American States, and that they were finally released to their homes and friends. Whether Mr. Taft will be equally honored remains to be seen.

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The police department blotter in the District of Columbia shows the names of 87 arrests, since 1900, of men and women who visited the White House on a "special mission" to the President.

It may seem strange that but few of these cranks are from the District of Columbia but such is the case. Most of them come from New York and the New England States. St. Louis and Chicago, however, may be depended upon for their quota. Comparatively few of them come from the Far South or the Far West. Letters from cranks, however, many of them almost books in length, are frequently found in the White House mail. The queer characteristics and the still queerer "missions" of these unwelcome visitors who call on the President are interesting indeed.

The most up-to-date crank to visit the White House was a native of Switzerland, who sought most earnestly the aid of the President in prosecuting him against his enemies. This is nothing unusual about that request. But this unwelcome visitor insisted that his blood-thirsty enemies were pursuing him in all directions, and that they had planned to shoot over him in their airships and to drop bombs upon him, in case that failed, he informed the officer on guard at the White House, these same mercurial enemies had contrived and fitted devices at either end of their airships which held large tanks of compressed air. With this air turned upon him his death would be but a question of time, he pleaded.

There then is the crank who comes to warn the President of a plot against his life. Not very long ago an Irishman with a surprising regard for the appropriate mystery of his appearance called and asked for the President. He had blackened his face and hands and disguised himself in other ways to escape detection, as he supposed, on the part of those who were against him. Of course, he was stopped by a Secret Service man, to whom he was finally induced to unfold his tale of overhearing a band

of bloodthirsty anarchists plot to assassinate the President. He begged to be allowed to guard the President personally and even to sleep outside his door.

An embryonic murderer once called upon the President and insisted that everyone in the United States should be renamed; that the hymnal of the Episcopal Church should be changed completely and that a new ritual should be made compulsory in the Masonic order.

It is not always that these cranks are harmless, however. In 1904 a Swede from the Middle West journeyed to Washington in a freight car for the purpose of obtaining aid from the President against people who, he said, were trying to steal his patents guaranteed to revolutionize electricity and prominent American industries. His dress was peculiar, his conversation suspicious and his demands to see the president somewhat alarming. Policeman Cagle, of the White House squad, told him he wouldusher him into the president's private office immediately. By this time the Swede had been taken into the White House, and a cab was summoned. Just as the cab started the Swede fired point-blank. The other woman claimed that President Roosevelt had bodily snatched her place as the people's choice. After a short incarceration in the government hospital for the insane, both women were sent back to their friends.

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Another inventor, who did not believe in trusts, had a marvelous scheme to transport ice from the North Pole in order to force the ice kings into poverty and starvation. All that need be done, he argued, was to conduct a congressional appropriation for the cutting of the ice up in the Arctic regions and then have the United States war vessels carry the ice to the different cities of the country and distribute it. In this manner the Ice Trust would melt away as rapidly does an estate of over half a million dollars. The police, needless to say, manifested a most abnormal and enthusiastic interest in his plan, and conducted him to one of the station-houses to talk it over at further length.

There was nothing small, in conception at least, in the plan of a woman crank to drain the ocean of Old Point Comfort, a seaside resort on the Virginia coast. By doing so she was positive that she could find a large amount of money hidden there by conspirators who were seeking to deprive her of her rightful share. She did not feel at liberty, she stated, to drain the sea off Old Point Comfort until she had obtained the president's permission, as the ocean belonged to the United States, and hence to the president.

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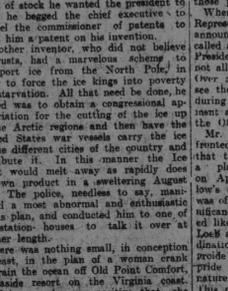
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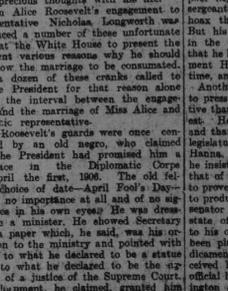


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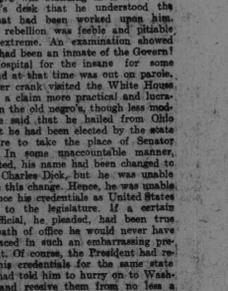
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When Alice Roosevelt's engagement to Representative Nicholas Longworth was announced a number of these unfortunate cranks called at the White House to present the President various reasons why he should not allow the marriage to be consummated. (Over a dozen of these cranks called to see the President for that reason alone during the interval between the engagement and the marriage of Miss Alice and the Ohio representative.

Mr. Roosevelt's guests were once confronted by an old negro, who claimed that the President had promised him a place in the Diplomatic Corps on April the first, 1908. The old fellow's choice of date—April Fool's Day—was of no importance at all and of no significance in his own eyes. He was dressed like a minister. He showed Secretary Loeb a paper which, he said, was his ordination to the ministry and pointed with pride to what he declared to be a statue of a justice of the Supreme Court. This document, he claimed, granted him the right to preach the gospel in any part of the world. He wanted the President to give him his signature also. The old fellow was received with the utmost dignity by the Secret Service men and his story was listened to with apparently absolute respect. They informed him that he should be taken immediately to the President, and apologized for the fact that Mr. Roosevelt was then busy at the Capitol with national affairs. They would be pleased to take him right over to a "rag" in fact, they promised to use the President's own livery. More than that, the great seal of the United States of America should be affixed to his ordination papers, so that none might doubt his authority. The would-be diplomat was much overwrought with delight and his grin was a sight to behold. With alacrity he stepped into the carriage for his triumphant journey.

But, alas, the carriage never reached the Capitol. Instead it drew up in front of the nearest police station. It was not until the



poor negro was standing in front of the sergeant's desk that he understood the hoax that had been worked upon him. But his rebellion was feeble and pitiable in the extreme. An examination showed that he had been an inmate of the Government Hospital for the insane for some time, and at that time was out on parole.

Another crank visited the White House to press a claim more practical and lucrative than the old negro's, though less modest. He said that he had been elected by the state legislature to take the place of Senator Hanna. In some unaccountable manner, he insisted, his name had been changed to that of Charles Dick, but he was unable to prove this change. Hence, he was unable to conduct his duties as United States senator to the legislature. If a certain state official, he pleaded, had been true to his oath of office he would never have been placed in such an embarrassing predicament. Of course, the President had received his credentials as United States senator. He had told him to hurry on to Washington and receive them from no less a person than the President himself. While conducting him from the White House grounds the Secret Service men agreed with him that the inexplicable loss of these credentials was undoubtedly unfortunate and a most unfortunate occurrence.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF SPORT

Reports have reached Buffalo that the differences between Canadian and United States amateur athletic unions have been settled. These come chiefly through W. A. Fry, of Danville, Ont., who is secretary of an athletic event to be held there July 1. He has written C. A. A. U. sanction and has received Buffalo sanction and is inviting entries from Buffalo and other American athletes under the impression that the war cloud has entirely been dispelled.

According to Ed. Reinecke, Buffalo representative of the A. A. U., the breach has not been closed and those who are active in athletic order under C. A. A. U. sanction across the border will be suspended from membership in the American body. He has written as follows to the press:

"I notice that there will be a meet hold Dominion Day, July 1, at Danville, Ont. The article states that the meet is sanctioned by the C. A. A. U. and also that the C. A. A. U. and C. A. have barred the basket and all American athletes are eligible to compete. This is not true, as I received word from President E. Sullivan to notify him of any athletes who were joined at any Canadian meet."

John Swenberg, who won the Derby Marathon at Chicago, two weeks ago, will compete against two runners in a 15-mile relay race at Logan Square ball park, in Chicago, June 15. Swenberg had two opponents, Thibaut and Jim Red Cloud, will run seven and a half miles each. Swedish citizens of Chicago are promoting the event which is to be in the nature of a testimonial to their countryman.

Boath scheduled for this week are:

Tonight—Jim Flynn vs. Bill McKinnon, Eddie Murphy vs. Frank Peron, at the Armory A. A. Boston; Jim Jeffrey vs. Sam Berger, at Pittsburgh; Eddie Kelly vs. Frank Stanton, at Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Tony Murphy vs. Jimmy Dune and Young Zeringer vs. Johnny Glover, at Pittsburgh; Joe Wagner vs. Frank Brannigan, at Johnston, Pa.; Fritz White vs. Rich Erms, at Philadelphia; Jim Savage vs. Charles Mann, New York; Fred Mitchell vs. Patsy Hinkle, at Philadelphia.

Wednesday—John Willis vs. Al Kuback, at Philadelphia.

Thursday—Jim Jeffrey, at Bridgeport, Ct.; Terry Martin vs. unknown, at Broadway A. C., Philadelphia.

Friday—Battling Hurley vs. Charles Griffin at New York; Billy Ryan vs. Sammy Murphy, at Utica.

Saturday—Jimmy Britt vs. Johnny Summers at London, Eng.; Frankie Neil vs. Monte Attell, at San Francisco, Cal.

In the game at Buffalo on Tuesday John Ganzel was seriously spiked by Dave Brain. Says The Rochester Herald: Ganzel stood at first base by at least half a foot, when Brain, on an ordinary grounder to Holly in the seventh, threw down to first base and when the feet were jumped for the bag. His spikes came down on Ganzel's left ankle, tearing the flesh open and slipping into the eye. There seemed to be no need of the jump, as Holly had Brain thrown out by a yard.

That accident put Ganzel out of the game. Simmons going to first and McDonald to third. It also silenced the crabbing tongue of Brain, who hung closely to the Buffalo bench when he was not thereafter in the field. While the Rochester players and fans booed Brain, with threats of getting even, the Buffalo fans applauded, as though spiking was a part of baseball.

Paul Acocoe, the Indian runner who beat Fred Appleby in their recent 15-mile race at Winnipeg, is a member of the Lakimay tribe of Saulteaux. His father is the chief and 81 years of age. Paul is 22 years of age, stands 5 feet 9 inches, and weighs 125 pounds in condition.

The city of New Orleans and her board of trade have extended an invitation to the Amateur Athletic Union to hold the track and field championships in that city next year. As Seattle has the championships this summer it is likely that they will be held in the east next year.

Pitcher Mullin, of Detroit, won his eleventh straight game on Friday, New York being defeated 2 to 1, and incidentally his double in the second inning, scoring Schaefer, was responsible for Detroit's second and winning run.

The appellate division of the supreme court at New York on Saturday reversed judgment given by a jury in favor of August Belmont in a suit for \$100,000 brought by John H. Freer, an ex-croquet player at Belmont's racing stable, and ordered a new trial for the jockey. The boy being under age, the suit was brought by his guardian, who contended that the boy's good name and reputation and occupation had been damaged \$90,000, and in addition he had suffered \$10,000 damages because John J. Hyland had refused to employ him to ride his race horses and because he had been unable to get em-

ployment as a result of his discharge by Mr. Belmont.

Echoes of the Ketchel-O'Brien catastrophe at Philadelphia.

Ketchel looked great. Twice as good as the first fight, and he was in the best of his form. Never let up until he got the big one over. He played for the wind in the first, and scored a half dozen points. The receipts were \$100,000 short of the Ketchel-O'Brien fight at the National club in New York. Shrubbs lost by a margin of 10 to 1, got busy at 10:21 and the hall was empty at 10:35. Fine business.

The Mexican fight from Pueblo challenging the winner for \$5,000. Hugh McCann of Pittsburgh also sent a challenge. Dr. Rollin of Seattle challenged from the ring-side. Sailor Burke will be on the doorman's trail today.

"I hit him all my might in the second with that right uppercut," said O'Brien, "and he stood dazed before me, but set to let either hand go. We clinched, and each one that left caught me. I was dazed, but felt O. K. until the other wall fell in. He's a wonderful young man."

Ketchel went to the fight from the Bingham hotel in ring costume and left five minutes after the go with the same garb on. He wore a neat looking polka dot robe and cap.

Reinlander Waldo and a party of seven had a special coming back to New York. A score of New Yorkers who were waiting for the "milk train" to make up, and which lands in New York at 4 o'clock, looked after Mr. Waldo with anxious eyes. The special was off before the committee of one had time to ask if there was any room to spare.

The recent fight between O'Brien and Ketchel was a real eye opener. The bad weather and the fact that O'Brien had been knocked out by Ketchel before was responsible for the poor hour for the fight. The promoters expected, the advance sale went being up to snuff.

The necessary program for a new boat-house at Yale has been raised and work will begin upon the structure as soon as a full title can be secured upon the land that is wanted on Mill river just across from the present structure.

The Galway Men's Association held its games at Ulmer Park on Sunday in New York. The trump drawing card was H. A. Wilson, formerly of the Haleshire Harriers of England, and the winner of the English mile championship of last year. He appeared on scratch in the mile run; but apparently his condition was poor and the soggy track also bothered him. Mike Driscoll won in 4m. 33.15s., and Wilson came in fourth.

Lee J. Talbot, the Cornell Intercollegiate champion hammer thrower, will compete at Kansas City. He intends to put it that is wanted on Mill river just across from the present structure.

Next month and make the west fly.

Frank Haynes, Lewiston, Me., will race El Galo, 2:10 1/4, and the rest of his stable in the provinces during July.

Joe Tinker, the Chicago Cubs' shortstop, has been laid up with kidney trouble and has been ordered to stay in bed for a few days by his physician.

Ed Greene, captain of Penn's '07 football team, will run in a 100-yard professional handicap at Philadelphia next Saturday. Orpheus and Cabot, the French Marchioness, are due to go in the five-mile run the same day.

Nominations in the stake races at the Western Maine state fair at Lewiston

have already been published; and entries in the class races will close August 14.

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JAMES KELLY DEAD

Spurring Man Who Took Eddie Connolly to England Died in Chicago Yesterday.

Chicago, June 13—James Kelly, of Boston, 38 years old, prominent in sporting circles, died today. He was prominent on the coast among the boxing fraternity, having trained and managed several good ones, among them mysterious Billy Smith, the count time welterweight. He even took Eddie Connolly to England to meet Dick Burge for the welterweight championship of England.

Kelly's body is being held at the hospital and relatives have been communicated with.

COTE KNOCKED OUT BY "KID" HENRY

Albany, N. Y., June 14—"Kid" Henry of Troy, tonight knocked out Arthur Cote of Biddford (Me.), in the sixth round of a ten round bout before the Myers A. C. Cote went down for the count of nine. In the last round, but came up again by both times, only to be knocked out by a hard right to the jaw.

THE SOCIETY LEAGUE

The baseball game scheduled between the St. John Baptist team and the A. O. H. for last evening, was postponed on account of wet grounds. This evening the St. Peter's will play the A. O. H. team. The Inter-Society League executive announce that nothing will come of the rumors about possible disruption of the league, and that the schedule will be carried out.

THE BIG LEAGUES

National League.
At Pittsburgh—Pittsburg 7; Brooklyn 5.
At Chicago—Chicago-Boston—old weather.
At St. Louis—Palmbeach 7; St. Louis 1.
At Cincinnati—New York 2; Cincinnati 1.
American League.
At Cleveland—Boston 1; Cleveland 3.
At Philadelphia—Louis 11; Philadelphia 1.
At New York—Chicago 6; New York 1.
At Washington—Detroit 1; Washington 0.
Eastern League.
At Providence—Providence 2; Montreal 1.
At Jersey City—Jersey City 1; Toronto 0.
At Newark—Rochester 4; Newark 2.

RESULT OF THE GOLD FIND IN SASKATCHEWAN

Woman Said to Have Made a Rich Find in the Hills Near Paynton.

Paynton, Sask., June 14—This town has been thrown into great excitement by the report of a discovery of placer gold and silver, as well as quartz in the hills south of here.

The find was made by a Mrs. Ford who sent samples of the gravel and quartz to an assayer in Duluth, who reported the quartz assaying \$900.14 in gold and \$8 m. silver to the ton, while the gravel yielded about \$25 to the ton. This town was practically deserted yesterday, as everyone was away in the new gold fields seeking claims or prospecting.

DR. CAMPBELL DECLINES A CALL TO SACKVILLE

Rev. George M. Campbell, D. D., has written to the authorities in Sackville declining the call they recently tendered to him and which was to take effect in 1910.

Rev. Dr. Campbell felt that his duties and obligations to the Bible Society, for which he is secretary for the maritime provinces and Newfoundland, compelled him to take this course. The many friends of Rev. Dr. Campbell will be interested in hearing of his decision not to renounce the ranks of the active ministry at least for the present.

MAY PLAY IN AMHERST

(Frederick Herald.)

It was announced at Saturday night's game that Frank Hughes, the backstop of the St. Mary's Stars, is going to Amherst this week and hereafter "Tanker" will probably be seen figuring in an Amherst Rambler uniform in both baseball and hockey. "Tanker" is also some football player and will be a handy man for the Ramblers. Just at present, however, his amateur standing is probably in jeopardy on account of the games he has played with the Marvilles team, which is run by the M. P. A. A. Black list.

ANOTHER COLORED BOXER

Nathaniel Brown, a colored boxer, hailed from Barbados, arrived in Sydney, C. B., a couple of weeks ago and is out with a deft to meet any fighter in Canada or the United States at 148 pounds for \$300. Brown says he has fought one hundred and twenty fights and has never yet suffered defeat. He is under the management of Mr. Snider, who has placed \$200 with a Sydney sporting man as a guarantee of good faith. Brown is at present looking for matches with Dan Littlejohn and Beth McLeod, of St. John.

The big dredge and three scows being towed here from Boston for John E. Moore for work at St. John, had reached Boothby harbor last night and put in there on account of bad weather.

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