

REBUKED JUSTICE; MAY GET PLACE

Joseph H. Choate May Secure
Place on Supreme
Bench.

IS A GENERAL FAVORITE.

BOTH TAFT AND ROOSEVELT
HAVE DECIDED THAT FORMER
AMBASSADOR SHOULD HAVE
HIGH POSITION.

Special to Palladium.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Prominent New York republicans who have been in Washington lately are authority for the story that there is a tacit agreement between President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft that Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain, shall have the next vacancy provided it is an associate justice and not the chief justice who retires next. The chief justiceship is said to be reserved for another, but no inkling is to be had as to the identity of the man slated to succeed Chief Justice Fuller.

If one of the associate justices retires before March 4 next, the nomination of Mr. Choate will be sent to the senate by President Roosevelt. If no vacancy occurs until after Mr. Taft is inaugurated President, he is equally convinced that Mr. Choate is the proper man to appoint. Such, at least, is the story vouched for by the New Yorkers.

Mr. Choate is generally recognized by lawyers as standing at the head of the American bar, and is conceded to be one of the greatest living authorities on constitutional law. It is true he is a corporation lawyer in the most extreme sense, his practice being confined almost entirely to the interests of the huge corporations; but in the view of the president and a president-elect, this does not necessarily unfit him for office under the government. Their reasoning is that successful practice for corporations is evidence of a man's great legal ability and that, his other qualifications being up to the standard, it is desirable that the government retain his services. In this day and age, they believe, it is a poor sort of a lawyer who doesn't have corporation practice.

Called on Chief Justice.

The possibility that Mr. Choate will go to the supreme court recalls the fact that he is the only lawyer who ever was known to "call down" the chief justice of the United States. Mr. Choate was arguing a case one day and was being subjected to a rather unmerciful quizzing by the court. The venerable judges, protected by that dignity which hedges in the world's most august tribunal, have a way of taking young lawyers over the not sands of legal lore, to the evident enjoyment of the court and the amusement of spectators. Mr. Choate evidently thought he was entitled to be treated as a graduate from the cadet class and there was a note of impatience in some of the answers he gave. Finally, Chief Justice Fuller asked a question that was particularly searching and not especially flattering to the advocate.

Mr. Choate stopped his argument, carefully and deliberately laid his papers on the table, and looked the chief justice squarely in the eye. "Your honor," he said, "that question is impertinent."

The solemn hush of the court room became more solemn and more hushed. The dropping of a pin would have crashed like a bomb explosion. Everyone looked at the chief justice and the chief justice looked at Mr. Choate. For fully half a minute they stared into each other's eyes unblinkingly. Then the chief justice slowly sank back in his chair and folded his arms. "Counsel will proceed," was all he said.

If it be true, as reported, that the successor of Chief Justice Fuller already has been selected, there is ample excuse for a great deal of curiosity as to his identity. It was reported some time ago and widely credited that Elihu Root was slated for the Chief Justiceship, but now it is on the cards that Mr. Root is to succeed Thomas Collier Platt as the next senator from New York. Of course there are many able and brilliant lawyers well fitted to be Chief Justice, but which one of them seems to Mr. Taft, himself once an aspirant for the honor, the best fitted of them all?

It is practically assured that the appointment of a Chief Justice will be left for Mr. Taft to make. Chief Justice Fuller is seventy-five years old and eligible to retire at any time, but it is understood he prefers that Taft rather than Roosevelt should have the naming of his successor and will not relinquish his office until after March 4th.

It is extremely probable that in addition to a Chief Justice, Mr. Taft during the next four years will have opportunity to name at least three associate justices. Five of the eight associate justices are past sixty years of age. Mr. Justice Harlan being 75, Mr. Justice Brewer, 71, Mr. Justice Holmes 67, Mr. Justice McKenna 65, and Mr. Justice White 63.

It is admitted by friends of Attorney General Bonaparte that he would like a place on the Supreme bench, following in the footsteps of his predecessor, William H. Moody, but it is not known what views are entertained by Mr. Taft on this subject. As Mr. Taft was formerly a United States circuit judge and has a wide acquaintance among members of the Federal bench, it would only be natur-

al to expect that under his administration there would be promotions from the circuit to the supreme court, but if his intentions along this line have been made known to anyone the confidence has not been betrayed to your correspondent.

LAND OF THE CROSSBOW.

The Deadly Poisoned Arrows of the Lissoo Sharpshooters.

On the wild frontier between China and British Burma is a barbarous tribe which has no civilized supervision. George Forrest, an English traveler, thus describes the chief weapon of these people: "If I had to suggest a title for a book on the upper Salween I should call it 'The Land of the Crossbow,' which is the characteristic weapon of the country and the Lissoo tribe. Every Lissoo with any pretensions to chic possesses at least two of these weapons—one for everyday use in hunting, the other for war. The little children play with miniature crossbows. The men never leave their huts for any purpose whatever without their crossbows. When they go to sleep the 'talking' is hung over their heads, and when they die it is hung over their graves. The largest crossbows have a span of fully five feet and require a pull of fully thirty-five pounds to string them. The bow is made of a species of wild mulberry of great toughness and flexibility. The stock, some four feet long in the war bows, is usually of wild plum wood. The string is of plaited hemp and the trigger of bone. The arrow, of sixteen to eighteen inches, is of split bamboo about four times the thickness of an ordinary knitting needle, hardened and pointed. The actual point is bare for a quarter to one-third of an inch, then for fully an inch the arrow is stripped to half its thickness, and on this portion poison is placed.

"The poison is invariably a decoction expressed from the tubers of a species of acanthus which grows on those ranges at an altitude of 5,000 to 10,000 feet. The poison is mixed with resin or some vegetable gum to the consistency of putty and is then smeared on the notched point. The 'feather' is supplied by a strip of bamboo leaf folded into a triangular form and tied in a notch at the end of the arrow, with the point of the angle outward. The reduction in thickness of the arrow where the poison is placed causes the point to break off in the body of any one whom it strikes, and as such carries enough poison to kill a cat horse, a wound is invariably fatal. Free and immediate incision is the usual remedy when wounded on a limb or fleshy part of the body. At Chengka the uncle of the Laowo chief showed us a preparation which resembled opium dress and which he said was an effective antidote.

"With few exceptions the Lissoo seemed to us to be arrant cowards, but the crossbow and poisoned arrow are certainly most diabolical weapons. An arrow from a war bow will pierce a deal board an inch thick at seventy or eighty yards. Some of the Tsekou natives were so expert that they could hit a mark four inches in diameter repeatedly at sixty to eighty yards. As no one goes anywhere without his crossbow and his besarkin quiver full of poisoned arrows and as every village is at feud with every other village, mutual suspicion is inevitable. In open fight the Lissoo are usually careful to keep at a respectful distance from each other and behind oxhide shields which protect the whole of the body. But if battle is rare, murder and sudden death by ambush in the jungle are common."

Drank and Remembered.
A porter in a big New York warehouse in Greenwich street was recently discharged for getting drunk and losing a valuable parcel. The discharge sobered him instantly, coming as a sudden hard shock. He said he would take the oath never to touch liquor again, but his pleadings for reinstatement were unheeded. He searched everywhere for the parcel, but could not recollect what disposition he had made of it. Of his honesty there had never been a question for twenty years. Overcome by the loss of his place, he got violently drunk and while in this condition recollected where he had left the parcel and went and recovered it.—New York Times.

Where Willie Was.
The professor (at the dinner table)—Oh, by the way, Mrs. Chopsticks, have you seen your little boy Willie lately? Mrs. Chopsticks—No, professor, I have not seen him since 10 o'clock, and I can't imagine what has become of him. In fact, I am very much worried about him. Professor—Well, seeing Martha pour me out that glass of water just now reminded me of something that I had on my mind to tell you some time ago, but which unfortunately escaped my memory. It was just about 10 o'clock, I think, that I saw little Willie all down the well.—Atlanta Constitution.

Sympathy For the Orphans.
An elephant while stamping through the jungle one day quite unintentionally stepped upon a mother bird, crushing it to death. Hearing the cries of the little brood in the bushes near by, she sought out the nest and with a sympathetic sigh said: "Poor little things! I've been a mother myself. I'll keep you warm." And she then proceeded to sit upon the nest.—From George T. Lanigan's Fable, "The Kind Hearted She Elephant."

Modern Version.
"Then you will be ever at my beck and call?" inquired Aladdin.

"With the exception of Tuesday and Friday afternoons, Monday and Saturday evenings and every other Sunday," firmly replied the genie.—Washington Herald.

The Knocking.
"De successful man," said Uncle Eben, "keeps quiet so's he kin hear opportunity knockin' at de do." De fellow tries to do all de knockin' hisself."—Washington Star.

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Fire Laddies Would Have City Equip Gymnasium

The members of the fire department headquarters located at the city building, want a gymnasium. A few years ago an attempt was made to fit up a gymnasium in the attic but the distance from the first floor of the building was so great and the means of access so limited, that the place had to be abandoned for the welfare of the department. The boys want some place of amusement and entertainment and one that would provide facilities for athletics is desired in particular. It is a matter of fact that athletic training would improve the physical condition and efficiency of the men.

The "laddies" have everything figured out how they can make use of the attic for gymnasium purposes, if the board of public works will give permission and stand the cost of expense. At present a sliding pole extends from the bed rooms above the wagon room to the ground floor. It is proposed to cut a hole in the floor

above and place an extension to the pole, so that a means for rapid descent from the attic may be secured. The members of the department declare they will do all the work necessary to make the change if the board will authorize it and bear the expense. To have to hurry through halls and down three flights of stairs to reach the wagon from the attic in case of alarm is altogether impracticable and such would have to be done under present conditions.

The members of the department have no way to keep in physical trim such as their work in fire fighting requires. They want a gymnasium badly and say the effect of physical training would be demonstrated by their work. They claim they always are "soft" and unable to stand a strain of long hard work, but the fault is not theirs as they have no place for the purpose of exercising and regulations will not permit their absence from the house to a place where this might be obtained.

GOVERNOR-ELECT OF WASHINGTON ILL

Apprehension Caused by Illness.

Paso Robles, Cal., Nov. 21.—The condition of Governor-elect H. G. Cosgrove of Washington is the cause of some apprehension as he is showing practically no improvement. He is suffering from Bright's disease and it is believed that his condition is serious. Cosgrove showed signs of improvement when he first arrived here, but his case is not as satisfactory as was expected.

His Mistake.
"Bishop Potter was a wonderfully effective preacher," said a Brooklyn clergyman. "His method was reserved and quiet. He always had himself well in hand. I once delivered a sermon before him. I was young and enthusiastic at the time, a disciple of the methods of Talmage. I let myself go in that sermon. My voice shook the church. My gestures shook the pulpit. At luncheon afterward I am ashamed to say that I fished for compliments. I leaned over the bishop and asked him in a low voice to give me some advice on preaching."

"Dear knows what I expected him to reply, probably that I was beyond any advice from him. At any rate, what he did reply was this: 'My dear young friend, never mistake in the pulpit perspiration for inspiration.'"

Englishmen of Mid-Devon have organized to wage a war on wood pigeons.

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ATTEMPTS MURDER WITH MEAT AXE

Lover Strikes Sweetheart, Then Drinks Acid.

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 21.—Will Grandjean attempted in a fit of jealousy, to murder his sweetheart, Carrie Swoford, with a meat ax, and believing that he had accomplished his purpose committed suicide by drinking carboic acid. The woman, though suffering from a fearful gash in the head, is not dangerously wounded.

Not Engaged in Bartering.
A Milwaukee book agent has his troubles occasionally. Not long ago he entered the office of a young lawyer who was buying his first library. After the different books necessary for a beginning in this direction had been discussed the agent said, "I will charge you \$10 for this in boards or the same set will be \$15 in sheep."

The lawyer looked as if he thought the agent had gone crazy. "If you will make me a price in straight dollars," the young man said. "I'll tell you whether I want it or not. You don't suppose I am going to pay my bills with sheep and lumber, do you, even if my father is a lawyer in northern Wisconsin?"—Milwaukee Free Press.

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SEEK TO CORNER THE GAS SUPPLY

Fuel to Be Piped From Oklahoma to St. Louis.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—Details of the plan of T. E. Barnsdall of Pittsburg and others to pipe natural gas from the state of Oklahoma to St. Louis have just been learned and they show the project to be very much larger than has been indicated by the meager information obtainable heretofore. In fact, it comprehends little short of a "corner" of the gas supply of the state.

Not only is gas to be furnished to St. Louis, but it is to serve all the other cities and towns along the line between that city and Oklahoma City. This explains the willingness of those back of the project to expend in the neighborhood of fifteen million dollars in constructing the long line and in remodeling the gaspipe system of St. Louis.

THE OLD CIRCUS POSTER.

Pretentious Language With Which the Show Was Described.

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A London specialist has been giving his views on smoking to the daily cigarette, if the smoke is not inhaled, is the least harmful way of smoking, but if the smoke is inhaled it is the most rapid form of heart poisoning you can get. It will affect a young man's heart quicker than cigar or pipe smoking affects a man between fifty-five and sixty-five, at which age a man is affected more by smoking than at any other. And the better the cigars are the more "likely" it is that harm will be done. Therefore, smoke cabbage; the Havana cigars are worse than any others.

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