

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

A Slip In Imperial Etiquette—An American From Texas—Consuls, the Merit System and the Perquisites That Go With Parly Success.

THE saddest thing that has happened in this world since that illustrious Missourian Mark Twain shed briny and copious tears at the tomb of Adam was the seating of the foreign diplomatic representatives near our Imperial court behind the supreme court judges at the McKinley memorial services. This most calamitous situation grew out of the unfortunate fact that those illustrious courtiers, Senator Joseph Benson Foraker and General Charles Henry Grosvenor, both of Ohio, who as chairmen of the senate and house committees were charged with getting up the programme and with making the arrangements, were not aware of their duties in matters of Imperial etiquette. In extension of their grievous fault it may be pleaded that these two able and ambitious Buckeye statesmen are new to the imperial business. They are courtiers in the raw, so to speak, but they are assiduous students of the new school, and it may be confidently predicted that, as they are quick to learn, after a sufficient time they will be able to give pointers in Imperial etiquette even to the bedizened and bespangled representatives of the effete monarchies of Europe.

It is said that Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corps, has formally expostulated with Mr. Secretary of State Hay as to the indignity placed upon him and his high and mighty conferees and that an entire hour was consumed in consideration of the expostulation. While it is not given to ordinary mortals to know what was said by those two imperialists it may be naturally assumed that Colonel Hay rubbed much salt upon the burning wounds of the wrathful Englishman. It is to be sincerely hoped that this awkward incident will not precipitate a war between us and all the nations of Europe combined. It is a humiliating idea to think of our Uncle Sam falling on his knees before the Europeans and exclaiming, "Pecceavi, pecceavi!" But since we have become imperialists and aspire to stand with other imperialists it may be necessary for our uncle to perform that un-American caper.

It will be remembered by those who take any interest in the history of our early days that when Thomas Jefferson was president he, for some reason known to himself alone, took Mrs. Dolly Madison, wife of his secretary of state, out to dinner instead of leading out Mrs. Merry, wife of the British ambassador, which precipitated diplomatic complications of a most laughable sort, ending in Secretary of State Madison requesting that Mr. Merry be recalled, which was done. Jefferson's conduct on that occasion gave the cue to all the American imperialists to abuse him and calumniate him and to hold him up as an awful example of bad manners; but then it must be remembered that Thomas Jefferson was an untutored Democrat, who hated royalty and all its works even as the devil hates holy water. He was not an imperialist, as are Colonel Hay, Senator Foraker and General Grosvenor. Jefferson, therefore, may be excused for violating Imperial etiquette on grounds of ignorance. Even Foraker and Grosvenor may plead ignorance on this occasion, but the foreign imperialists will hardly forgive them for a second offense of this nature.

Morgan and Hanna. There is a contest on in the senate which is of more than passing interest to philosophers and psychologists. It is between that illustrious Democrat, Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama, a great lawyer, and that conspicuous Republican, Senator Marcus A. Hanna, who is not a lawyer, but who ranks very high as a business man. The bone of contention is the route of the isthmian canal. Morgan champions Nicaragua and Hanna champions Panama.

Of course others will take a hand in the shindy, but it is universally conceded that Morgan and Hanna are the leaders in the fight. It is shrewd, hard headed business capacity against learning, forensic ability and professional training. The contest will attract breathless interest. Morgan perhaps knows more than any other living man, but Mark is a fighter from away back.

Hogg of Texas as he passes by! He is an American worthy of his birthright. While in London, looking after the interests of his oil company, arrangements were made by our ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, to present the big Texan at court, but when Hogg learned that in order to be presented to the king he had to tog himself up with knee breeches, sword and other royal paraphernalia he flatly refused.

Nothing so refreshing has happened since that other eminent American refused to remove his hat from his nogg in the presence of Albert Edward, prince of Wales, saying, "I am as distinguished in my profession as the Prince of Wales is in his," which, being said before his historic meeting with Pompadour Jim Corbett at New Orleans, was absolutely true.

Barring Unpleasant Remarks. The high handed methods of the Republican majority in the house is fully illustrated by the following statement: More than a week's debate was allowed on the oleomargarine bill when everything both for and against it could have been fully stated in two days.

Dinsmore of Arkansas. One of the ablest among the young southern Democrats in the house is Hugh A. Dinsmore of Arkansas, the ranking Democrat on the great committee of foreign affairs. Dinsmore was lucky when he came to congress nine years ago in being assigned to a committee whose duties are congenial to his tastes and in the line of his experience. He had been minister to Korea and had borne himself so well in that station that the people of his district sent him to congress and have kept him there ever since.

Let Them Squabble. Democrats may well take heart from the quarrels of the Republicans. On the surface things are placid as a duck pond, but beneath the surface there are storms and disturbances of all sorts. Representatives of agricultural constituencies in the great and gorgeous northwest are becoming alarmed as to their re-election and are voicing their alarm in Republican caucuses, of which there have been more held this session, though it is only three months old, than in any session in the last ten years. The beet sugar men, the cane sugar men and several other sorts of men are at each other's throats on the Cuban question. The reciprocity advocates and the anti-reciprocity shouters are warring each other. The feeling is growing exceedingly heated, not to say bitter, and is liable, indeed quite likely, to burst into a consuming flame at any moment. The quicker the better for the country and the cause of good government!

The Portrait. She—it used to be considered a good likeness of me. He—Well, it's changed somewhat since then, hasn't it?—Indianapolis News.

"On making application at that time to become a member of the Nagasaki club Mr. Birch was blackballed. He was not admitted to the club. But I take pleasure in saying that before John M. Birch had been in that port two years he was recognized as the best consul there and was president of the same club which had before blackballed him for putting his flag over a shop."

When we control the house again, as we probably will do in the next congress, Dinsmore will be chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, which is always an important committee, sometimes the most important in the house, and he will do honor to the position. Arkansas and the whole country can well afford to be proud of such men as Hugh A. Dinsmore.

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