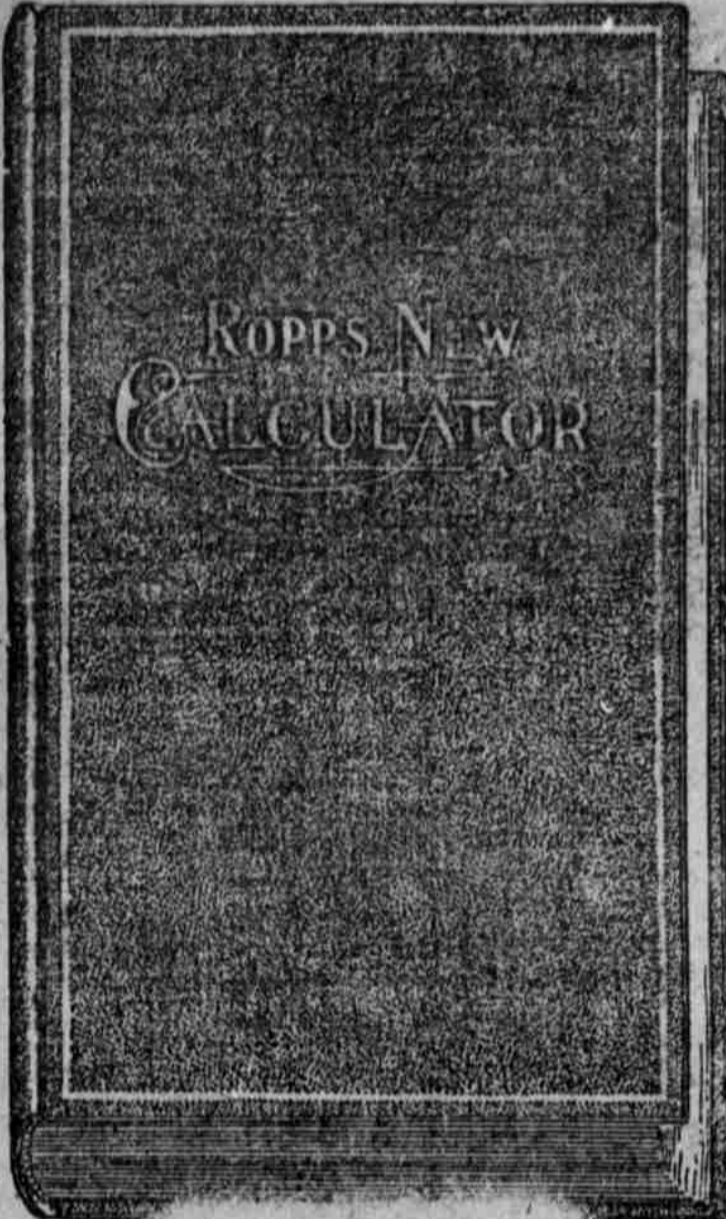


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FOSS' FIGHT AGAINST LODGE

A dispatch carried by the Associated Press and under date of Boston, November 30, says: "Governor-elect Eugene N. Foss, accompanied by a quartet of orators, will start tomorrow for a tour of the Cape Cod towns in his campaign to prevent the return of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge to the United States senate. No democratic leaders will accompany Mr. Foss, each of those invited having declined, and he will be accompanied by insurgent republicans who are desirous of the defeat of Senator Lodge."

HOW THE FUN BEGAN

A Boston letter to the New York Mail follows:

Ten years ago Eugene Noble Foss, now democratic governor-elect of Massachusetts, was a candidate for the congressional nomination in his district. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge who was then, as later, the master of republican politics in the state, was not pleased with Foss' caliber and personality, and had another man whom he wanted in the place. So he opposed Foss' nomination and effectively downed him.

The story goes that when the convention had nominated the other man and completed its work, Senator Lodge remarked to a henchman, at the same time jerking his thumb over his shoulder in the direction of Foss, "We have beaten that blatherskite for all time."

The insult was promptly repeated to Foss, who shook his fist at Lodge and said:

"We shall see whether you have beaten me for all time!"

From that moment, Foss has had his large, pugnacious chin set firmly and fiercely in the direction of Henry Cabot Lodge. He has bided his time with latent but inveterate hostility. In the interval he may have been very smooth with the senator, but all the time he has had political revenge in his heart.

So that Foss' vigorous pronouncement against Lodge in the papers, branding the senator as an enemy of the people, and declaring that he must be beaten for the senate if the people are to enjoy the fruit of their recent victory, is merely the adjourned session of that congressional convention of ten years ago.

Foss is a man of rude, restless force, of habitual energy, of business-like industry, of democratic origin and associations, of pointed and persuasive speech, and an instinctive popular leader.

Senator Lodge is said to have called him a blatherskite and a demagogue. He calls himself the tribune of the people—if he cares to use a phrase so classic.

He is going to give Senator Lodge the fight of his life in this campaign for the senatorship. Foss is not supposed to be after the senatorship for himself. He is probably convinced that the very best thing he can do himself is to keep up the tribune-of-the-people business and make good in the governorship.

His definite plans as to the senatorship have not been declared, but it is safe to assume one thing—any man whose name is not Henry Cabot Lodge, and who can be elected, will get Mr. Foss' support in the final test.

Senator Lodge is the exact opposite of Eugene N. Foss. Unquestionably he is a scholar, demonstrably he is a thinker, essentially he is a gentleman. He is a selfish man, and is probably aware of it himself.

For years he has, with subtle skill, practiced the gentle art of making enemies. He has his full share of opponents in his own party, and in his own rank in life. All these ene-

mies are well aware that the hour of their retribution has now struck.

It will be a great fight, for Senator Lodge, in his way, is as good a fighter as Eugene Foss. He is also a man of force.

Mr. Lodge has a singular and baffling face—gray, thinly bearded, centered in eyes and nose and mouth of concentrated keenness. No photograph or painted portrait has ever presented this face correctly. It baffles the caricaturist still more completely than it does the camera. No cartoon can hold Lodge up to effective ridicule, for it cannot set forth with any stinging sort of intimacy the personal weaknesses or ambitions of its subject.

On the other hand, the senator is shut out, by the same elusive withdrawnness of his face and nature, from the avenue of approach to the people's hearts. You could not say that the people loved Senator Lodge any more than you could say that they loved the law of the conservation of energy or the diffusion of atmospheric pressure.

A political disadvantage, all this impersonality of character, all this moral withdrawnness.

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