

Mr. Dooley on Diplomacy

By F. P. Dunne.

"See," said Mr. Dooley, "they've sint us a new Ambassadeur fr'm England. I don't invy th' poor man."

"Isn't it a good job?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"It used to be," said Mr. Dooley. "It used to be a fine job, if ye were tired an' needed a rest. Nowthin' to do all day but kick because Joe Cannon was let into dinner ahead iv ye an' decidin' wud ye wear th' green an' yellow pants or th' pale blue knee breeches to th' White House. Hogan says he see th' diplomats together wan time in Wash'nton. There was a few white men among thim but th' rest looked like a muster iv th' Knights iv th' Gooldeen Star (colored) on Emancypation Day.

"In thim good old times th' foreign nations sint us fr' a diplomat something they cudden't use at home an' we sint thim th' same an' manny iv thim. They shipped us th' namber of a noble but ralloced fam'ly with a mustache that looked well on parade but bad in th' coffee, an' had a fine flow iv conversation just th' same as a door post. We handed thim back a distinguished statesman who owned a clothing store an' fourteen votes an' no more in th' Thirteenth Congressional District iv Iowa. If he had anny more votes he'd stay at home an' get illected Sheriff or Coroner or to some other office iv honor.

"Nayether side got th' bether iv th' other. It was a case all around iv disposin' iv what Armour wud call th' bye-product. We made an Ambassadeur to Europe iv what was left over after th' nommination iv a Congressman. If he was goin' to England he must know th' name iv Shakespeare be heart an' have an eye r-ready to leak at a mntion iv that great pote. Th' damp climate iv th' British Isles is due to a succession iv American Ambassadors weepin' at cornerstone loyings an' th' openin' iv libraries. Whin th' time come to return th' compliment ye'd r-read in th' pa-aper: 'Sir Alf Orkins, Consul at Coontown on th' Fast Coast, in a disgrace with th' Government fr' his attentions to a lady tha, is considered a sthrikin' brunette even in Sunny Africa. Th' Cabinet is determined to punish him severely an' he has been appointed Ambassadeur to th' United States.' He come over here an' styed a few years. His first act on landin' was to file a gin'ral demurrer to th' country an' its inhabitants, which he filled out in detail later on. He wrote home to Chipping Norton fr'm time to time regretting that he had nowthin' to eat but canvasback ducks an' terrypin, an' that ye cudden't find anny viggitable marrow, let alone winkles, in this degraded country. After awhile he set down an' sint a letter iv advice on American pollyticks to an innocent searcher aft'er th' truth in th' employ iv a campaign comity, an' thim he was allowed to go home be th' first boat.

"Well, Sir, 'twas a ca'm an' beautiful life they led. Nawthin' to worry thim but th' question iv dhrass an' Joe Cannon always beatin' thim to th' vittles. They niver were able to ge in first. They tried to thrip him up, but he jumped over th' British Ambassadeur's foot. They grabbed his coattails, but his hunger an' dimmycratic thraditions iv what Hogan calls precedence was too sthrong fr' thim. Whin they got into th' dining room there he was in a seat where he cud grab th' first waiter that come along. Some iv thim Turkish Minister has asked to be relieved an' have his head cut off. He says he prefers to die at home. Th' Prisdint is very mucl, pleased at th' appintment of Oscar th' Rooshyan Joyn't as Ambassadeur fr'm Rooshya. He thinks he can make wan hundred an' eighty pounds be th' time th' ripsintative iv th' Czar prisints his credentials.

"So ye see, Hinnissy, 'tis no aisy thing fr' th' spilled darlin' iv Europeen coorts to do business around Wash'nton. Who's this new Ambassadeur fr'm th' home iv that part iv our Anglo-Saxon race that hasn't got its vote counted yet. He's a fine English asked fr' a man-iv-war to enforce their demands fr' th' first helpin' to th' corned beef, but Joe Cannon defied thim. He said no furriner cud get in ahead iv him. He'd had th' right kind iv thrainin' in Vermillion county with a hired man as pacemaker. He said 'twas merely a matter iv th' start. He was off quicker than th' imported courtmand, an' his quick start gave 'em ten yards advantage over th' fastest an' hungriest man in th' diplomatic corps. He thought if it wasn't fr' his ripsplet fr' th' Chief Executive, an' if he wasn't bumped an' made to sweve to th' stretch he cud run th' prisdint himself a head.

"Iv course, Hinnissy, that was a sor-

row iv th' Diplomats an' they had other griefs. It was hard to dance th' two-step an escape cuttin' off their legs with their coords, their gloves busted at times, an' now an' thim a southern congressman tapped wan iv thim on th' shoulder an' says: 'Snowball, dash back to th' pantry an' fetch me another slice iv this here pie, an' be quick about it or I'll blow ve'er black head off.' That was onpleasant, but th' life gin'rally was a cheerful wan, an' if they cud read th' pa-apers they often knew what they were doin'.

"But 'tis all changed now. Th' ambassadeur has no snap. He's got to keep thrained to th' minnyit, an' whin he goes up to th' White House he wears fightin' thrunks under his unyform an' carries tennis bats, fencin' masks, wrestlin' togs, an' boxin' gloves in his bag. With th' Prisdint come into office he looked th' Diplomatic Corps over an' says he: 'They need healthful exercise. They ar-re an anemic lot.' An' thim ye began to read in th' pa-apers: 'Th' arrival of Baron Speck von Sternburg as German Ambassadeur at Wash'nton has sint a thrill through diplomatic circles. Fr' a long time th' infloence iv Germany has been wainin'. Th' former Ambassadeur was a larned man, but th' most exercise he iver took was polishing his eyeglasses. Th' German Impror was in despair fr' th' Fr-rinch Ambassadeur, Moosoo Jusserand, was at th' white house ivry day conductin' important negotiations with a tennis bat in th' back yard. Th' Fr-rinchman is a fine tenniser, but sthrange to say th' Prisdint can just beat him ivry time. It suddenly occurred to th' kaiser to sind over Speck, who is wan iv th' best soordsmen in th' German army. Th' change was instantanyous. Yisterday th' Fr-rinch Ambassadeur was seen weepin' and beatin' on th' White House dure with a tennis bat while th' German Ambassadeur made faces at him through th' window. Baron Speck has lost wan ear fr' th' fatherland, but he has negotyated a threaty fr' th' free export iv dachshunds into this country.

"Former fav'rite Ambassadors ar-re secretly delighted with th' change, but there ar-re fears that important divolopments may follow. Th' Jap'nese Minister has not been himself since he taught th' Prisdint jiu-jitsoo an' was severely cut be th' glass iv a skylight through which he was thrown. Th' Fr-rinch Ambassadeur may go home an' his Government is negotyatin' with a prom'nent handball player. Th' Swedish Government will make an attempt to have Hackenschmitt ripsint Sweden at Wash'nton. Last night th' Prisdint was in an especially jolly mood at th' diplomatic reception, where he showed th' British Ambassadeur a new thrip. It wint off very well. Th' Ambassadeur on'y said: 'My word,' as he sat down on an andiron. Th' Eytalian Ambassadeur is lookin' very gloomy after an unsuccessful attempt to teach th' Prisdint a new game iv cat's cradle. Th' Prisdint said it wud be all right if ye used wire cable an' whoiver lost a hand lost th' game, too. He is determined to establish closer relations with th' South American raypublics an' he has challenged th' dark-hued diplomats to a grand rasslin' match, whin he will take thim all on at wast. Th' Ministers iv Chile, Peru, Argentine, Brazil, Uruguay, an' Icwadoor have hurriedly left town. Th' gentleman iv th' old school fr'm the north iv Ireland. A good man. He's what they call a Liberal in England. A Liberal in England is a man who believes in th' same things that radical men in this country believe in—like J. Pierpont Morgan or Andrew Carnaygle. He's in favor iv takin' th' poor man's money away fr'm arrystocracy an' givin' it to th' plain rich.

"I don't know what his qualifications fr' th' job ar-re. He looks pretty old to me fr' a gymnast. He's a book man an' that's bad. I niver knew anny wan byt Teddy that cud thrain fr' a foot race on lithrachoer. What did this la-ad write, says ye? He wrote a book wast that Hogan read, called 'Th' American Common Wealth.' He'll find a gr-reat deal more wealth whin he comes over an' if he goes to New York an' stays at a fashionable hotel he'll see that it's just as common as iver it was. I don't know whether 'tis a good book or a bad. I niver read it. Hogan says 'tis full iv information about that there locymint that railroad Prisdints an' gr-reat fi-nanceers have become so much interested in iv late, th' what-d-ye-call-it?—th' constitution. There ain't a railroad Prisdint in this country that hasn't declared: 'Now that ye call me attention to it, I wud lay down me life fr' th' dear old constitution. I like especially th' paragraph which says: "Hands off our stout railroad Prisdints, a nation's pride!" Me frint Harriman is in tears over th' outrages on th' con-

stitution an' is thinkin' iv leavin' th' country an' givin' away all his hard, even tough-earned, money. Jim Stillman rather thin see th' constitution maltreated be subphoony sarvers is goin' abroad without anny flourish iv thrumpets, but unnder an assumed name. But if I was th' British Ambassadeur 'tis th' constitution iv Tiddy Rosenfelt I'd keep me eye on. That's th' on'y wan that "But annyhow what difference does it make at all? Sure, who cares who's Ambassadeur? Manny years ago 'twas a divvle iv a job. Th' Ambassadeur was a part iv his own country thransplanted. Wherever he wint he was a walkin' United States iv America. If anny wan asked him what th' policy iv his country was his answer was: 'I make it up as I go along.' It took about a year fr' him to raypoort annything he had done an' another year to get th' reproof back, so he led a free an' riochous life, declared war, punched prime ministers in th' eye, an' gin'rally misbehaved himself, an' no wan at home cared what he did. Be th' time they knew annything about it it was old news an' he was up to some other devilmint.

"But now how is it? Sure an Ambassadeur is about as vallyble as a tillyphone op'rator. He has to make th' connections an' if he listens or cuts in he's fired. He's a messenger an' a slow wan fr'm wan Government to another. He goes up to a King with a sealed envelope an' hands it to him with th' remark: 'Sign here.' That night, maybe, a man raps at his dure an' says: 'Ar-re ye th' fellow that brought th' message this mornin'? 'I am,' says th' Ambassadeur, hitchin' on his soord. 'Then I've come to tell ye to pack ye'er thrunk an' go on th' eight fifty-five. Ye'er benighted Government has asked us to come outside if we dare an' we've wired thim that we dare.'

"I heard Hogan say there was talk in th' English pa-apers iv goin' to war with us about Japan," said Mr. Hennessy. "I'd like to see it. D'ye think they will?"

"Th' English pa-apers," said Mr. Dooley, "like our own ar-re conducted be renowned warriors. But, do ye think if there was on'y wan butcher shop in th' city I'd thry to wreck it?" (Copyright, 1907, by H. H. McClure Co.)

THE WORLD FOR A WEEK.

SENATORIAL elections occurred in many states. The Nebraska legislature followed the precedent set two years ago in electing the candidate designated by the state convention of the party in control of the legislature. Norris Brown the republican candidate was elected without delay by a strict party vote. Congressman Joseph M. Dixon, republican, was elected to succeed Senator W. A. Clark, democrat, of Montana. Simon Guggenheim, republican, was elected to succeed Thomas Patterson, democrat, of Colorado. Senator Burnham of New Hampshire was re-elected, as were Senators Fry of Maine and Crane of Massachusetts. Congressman William Alden Smith was chosen to succeed Senator Alger in Michigan, and Senator Cullom, nominated last summer by direct primary, was endorsed in caucus in the Illinois legislature. A deadlock occurred in Rhode Island where Senator Wetmore who is a candidate for reelection was third in point of strength upon the first ballot. Charles Curtis, congressman from the First district, will succeed Senator Benson in Kansas. Robert L. Taylor, who defeated Senator Carmack at the primaries was elected in Tennessee, and Henry A. Richardson was elected to succeed Senator Allee in Delaware.

Bids were opened on the 12th in Washington from contractors who responded to the request for bids to complete the Panama canal. There were four bids, the lowest of which was that of Oliver & Bangs of New York city, which offers to do the work for six and three-fourths per cent of the money expended. The other bids ranged from seven to twenty-eight per cent, all bids being required to be made on a basis of the percentage of profit asked of the total cost. The successful firm is well known in connection with large undertakings and has assets of five million dollars. One member of the firm has done eighteen million dollars worth of construction work in the past ten years, and Aunson M. Bangs, the other partner, was the builder of the Poe ship lock of the Sault Ste Marie canal and the Delaware and Buffalo breakwaters. The firm is at the present time engaged in projects representing an expenditure of \$31,000,000.

The first disaster of the year to com-

pare with the worst of last year came on the 14th with an earthquake in the island of Jamaica which practically destroyed the city of Kingston with great loss of life, variously estimated at from 500 to 1,000. A telegram from Sir Alexander Swettenham, governor of the island dated three days after the earthquake gives the following account of the damage:

"The evil effects have been confined almost to three parishes of the island, namely; Kingston, Port Royal and St. Andrew. The fire at Kingston has practically ceased; only coal and rubbish are now burning. The district burned comprises a triangular area between the parade gardens, the sea, Duke street and Princess street. The parish church forms the apex of this triangle, which comprises about one-thirtieth part of the town. The wharves burned are George and Brandy and Malabre, Haggart, Lyons, Solomon's Demerado, Henriques and one, not both, of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company's wharves. The burned area is being cleared slowly owing to the indisposition of the population to labor at double the usual wages. There are a few bodies still covered with ruins. The burials at noon today comprise 343. The persons admitted to hospitals in Kingston total 440, excluding some sixty cases sent to Spanish Town from Kingston for treatment.

"The population generally is encamped on the parade grounds, the race course and the open spaces. The usual provision shops are in the burned area and there is consequently difficulty in buying provisions. I am arranging for sales temporarily and for the transfer of persons to other parishes. There was some pilfering last night from deserted shops. The population is wonderfully patient, but listless. Measures were taken by the American navy department immediately upon hearing of the disaster to forward relief supplies to the island and shiploads of provision were on their way within two days.

If a swell dinner should be given in your honor, would you know how to properly use the silver prongs, harpoons and spoons at the right side of your plate? Most women master this accomplishment, but few men do.

DOLLIVER IS RENOMINATED

Again Honored by the Republicans of Iowa Legislature.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 21.—United States Senator J. P. Dolliver was unanimously re-nominated by the republican senatorial caucus tonight. He will be re-elected tomorrow.

NOTICE

Copy of annual statement of Herman Bros., Lincoln, Neb., at close of business November 30, 1906: RECAPITULATION.

Jobbing House:	
Merchandise on hand....	\$128,956.65
Bills and accounts receivable .....	121,625.00
Rebates due .....	201.22
Cash on hand and in banks .....	2,943.83
Furniture, fixtures, tools, sample trunks, etc....	2,050.00
	\$255,776.68
Factory:	
Merchandise on hand...	\$ 16,107.16
Machinery and fixtures..	6,278.19
Cash in safe .....	45
	\$ 22,385.80
Beatrice Stock:	
Investment November 30, 1906 .....	\$ 25,408.02
	\$303,570.50
LIABILITIES.	
Bills and notes payable....	\$106,351.65
Capital stock paid in.....	179,200.00
Undivided profits .....	18,018.85
	\$303,570.50

I, Charles Herman, Secretary and Treasurer of the above named corporation, do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES HERMAN, Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1907.

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