

# Truman H. Newberry on the Bridge

WHEN Truman Handy Newberry, the new secretary of the navy, went to the department in March, 1905, as assistant secretary, succeeding Charles H. Darling, he was better equipped for the work than many men who had been at the head of the department.

He has been successful as a banker. He had been an active factor in railroads and in the transportation companies of his city, Detroit. He had aided in the organization of the Michigan state naval brigade and had served with it on the Yosemite in the Spanish-American war as second in command.

When President Roosevelt was assistant secretary of the navy he came to know young Newberry and rated him highly. As long ago as when Paul Morton was at the head of the department, after Mr. Roosevelt was president, when the rumors of Morton's retirement, the president is said to have considered Newberry as Morton's successor. The promotion, however, was postponed. Again, after Bonaparte had filled the place and the time came for him to be transferred, Newberry was considered as Bonaparte's successor. Still the promotion was delayed. It is not to be inferred that Newberry was seeking advancement. If he ever thought of it only his intimate friends knew it, and they remained silent. It is a fact that he never solicited office.

### Backed by His State.

His state always believed in him, and it believed that he was specially qualified for the navy department. One day Senators Alger and Burrows went to the White House and told President Roosevelt that a Michigan man ought to be appointed assistant secretary of the navy. Instantly the president asked, "How will Truman H. Newberry suit you?" Senator Alger replied, "He is the man I want." Senator Burrows repeated Senator Alger's words. The appointment was made.

The president took occasion to say that such an appointment was one that a state delegation had no right to ask, as it belonged to the president's personal list. But the fact that the president had Newberry in his mind and that Newberry was the choice of

the senators of his state strengthened the president's estimate of the man whom he had selected.

The new secretary who takes up the work where Secretary Metcalf left off is forty-four years old. When he was at Yale he evinced an aptitude for the studies which required a thinking part. He graduated well up in the scientific school. When he returned to his home he associated himself with his father, who contributed so much to upbuilding the biggest industrial and traffic institutions in Michigan. Newberry here was rich. His wealth put him in the class of multimillionaires. Nevertheless the young collegian applied himself diligently to his

father's interests. Had he been dependent he could not have been more industrious.

When the full responsibilities of the concerns of the head of the family came to him he took them up with accelerated assiduity. The interests developed. Success followed expansion. He was rated a rich man in the midst of his industry. In this era of wealth the beneficiaries of fortune are as frequently underrated in the amount of their possessions as they are overrated. The fortune of the new secretary of the navy is variously estimated. The highest is \$20,000,000. Anyway, Truman Handy Newberry is the wealthiest member of the Roose-

velt cabinet. Put in another way, he is the richest officeholder in the present administration.

Outlines of Character. An epitome of the man's character by those who know him intimately is submitted: He is systematic at his desk, quick in his decisions, alert, courteous, dignified and supervises the ramifications of his work with the celerity of a trained soldier in the field.

A good deal has been said about the new secretary's social fitness. It is natural, however, those qualified to speak on this subject say, that with him the social function is of secondary consideration, but when the hour comes for him to take up this part he is said to be most gracious in all matters that require conventionality.

Out of the harness, unfettered by the requirements of official life, he has the cheerfulness of a boy just out of college. He is at home on the links, in the tennis court and on the gridiron or the diamond. He is an expert yachtsman and owns several swift boats which have records on the great lakes and some of which are known on the St. Lawrence river and in New York harbor.

His fondness for outdoor life has made him master of horsemanship, and he is owner of a number of horses that can go at a speed which warms the cockles of experts in this line. It follows that he loves dogs, for horses and dogs go together. The finer the breed of the canine the more likely is the cur to become the property of Truman Handy Newberry. As for automobiles, they say he has one of every new make.

Mr. Newberry is also noted for his ardor in art. He is a good judge of a canvas, and his private gallery is crowded with costly paintings from the old schools as well as the new.

As an official he is likely to get in close proximity to the public. It is said of him that he is not afraid to let people know what he is doing. In this respect he is an open door. He rather likes investigation if it is not actuated by idle curiosity. The newspaper correspondents at the national capital always leave his office with news.

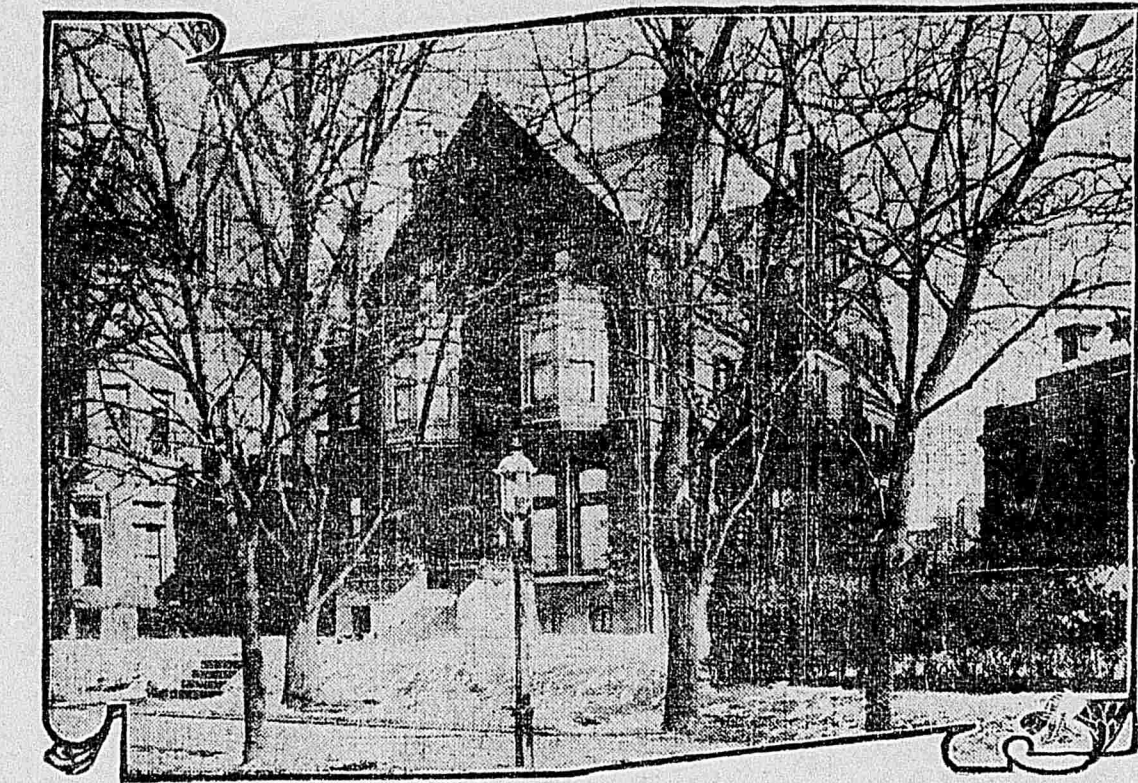
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A pen sketch of the new head of the navy is pertinent. One who knows him best says: "Newberry is a caselike citizen. At the equatorial line the tape must be a long one if it is to go around him. 'Fat paunch, lean wit,' is not true of him. They say he has a great deal more than his share of that under his hat which enables a man to get through this world with a minimum of physical discomfort."

The first ancestors of this new man at the head of the navy settled in and about old Dorchester; hence the stock is Puritan. Wanderlust was in the family. They left Massachusetts and took up residence in Connecticut. From the latter state they moved into Oneida county, New York, in 1817, and when Miss Harriet became Mrs. Newberry, Feb. 8, 1858, she was sixteen and shared with two brothers in an estate valued at \$3,000,000.

There are three children in the present Newberry family. Miss Carol B. Newberry is nineteen years old, and the twin sons are about 17. The family has four homes—the city house in Detroit, the country house near by, the residence in Washington in Sixteenth street and a summer estate at Watch Hill, R. I.

Mrs. Newberry is an accountant in all that her position requires. She ranks among the well-to-do and vivacity, for it is her recreation to set in a room, but the fact remains that the class has dwindled down to nothing since then and today is in a sorry plight.



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND MRS. NEWBERRY AND THEIR WASHINGTON RESIDENCE.



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## REVIEW OF PREVAILING ATHLETIC SPORTS

### FOREIGN PUGS HAVE WON HONORS

Became Stars in Prize Ring Through Universal Ability. ORIGINATED WITH ENGLISH. Mr. Figg Was the Jim Jeffries of His Time and Never Met Defeat.

Pugilism, strictly speaking, is a game that originated with the English. It remained for that sturdy old Briton, Mr. Tom Figg, to invent the present-day popular form of bluff, bluff game. Mr. Figg, commonly spoken of as the father of boxing, flourished in England in the early part of the eighteenth century, and rare prints of this illustrious gentleman show him to be an pugnalescence.

Since the day of Mr. Figg the boxing game has penetrated to most every country under the globe, but of course, it has never taken the hold on the people to the extent that it has on the denizens of the countries where the English language is spoken.

is an exception to be made, then the exception is in favor of Jack McAuliffe, but no comparison—at least correct comparison—can be drawn, for Jack was going when the Kid was just arriving.

While French parents produced a champion lightweight, Italian produced a champion bantamweight in the person of Casper Leon, who came to America from Sicily. Casper fought from infancy to manhood, and he was the master of his class and the pride of all Italians, until he was whipped by Terry McGovern.

Ernie was one of those fighters who took care of his money, and he is now living on easy street. He never lasted long as a champion, and it is a well understood fact among followers of sport that had Lavigne been in any kind of condition when he went up against the handsome Swiss the latter would never have gone down in the annals of boxing as a one-time champion lightweight.

### AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

A \$500,000 garage is talked of for Philadelphia. It will contain 287 rooms, each large enough for two machines, which will be rented at \$25 and \$20 per month.

Chicago motorists are desirous of obtaining the race for the J. De Mont Thompson cup, and a twenty-two mile circuit in Lake county has been suggested as an excellent one for the race.

The Automobile club of Barcelona is organizing, under the patronage of the King of Spain, an automobile exhibit, which will open on the first of next March.

### COST OF FOOTBALL.

Public Puts Up Something like \$5,000,000 a Year for Game.

Although the season is comparatively short, it is estimated that the public puts up something like \$5,000,000 a year to see the various college athletes do battle on the gridiron.

The manager of the Yale eleven last year estimated that at least \$60,000 was paid out preparing the team for the final big struggles of the year. The head coach at Yale receives \$5,000 for his short term of work, while all his assistants get a nice salary, and there is generally a small army at any of the big schools.

### MIKE KELLY WAS A BRAINY FELLOW

Some Original "Stunts" Pulled Off by Him On the Diamond. HE WAS A FAST THINKER.

Thomas F. McCarthy, an Old Time Baseball Star.

Of course, there are plenty of folks who remember him, and I suppose there are hundreds of anecdotes about him. He was a man about whom anecdotes could easily be written, for he was doing something all the time on and off the field. It would take a book just to tell of the doings of Kelly on the field in the heat of hard-fought games.

brains to think this play out in the heat of the game.

He was in the game all the time. Banged fingers, strained muscles and all those injuries that come to ball players came to him, too, but he seldom was out of the game. Many an other man would have quit when he was hurt as much as Kelly.

He never came into a bag twice in the same way. He twisted and turned as he made his famous "Kelly slide," and seldom was he caught. He was a regular boxer with his feet when sliding onto bases.

came out with the statement that he would toss over any claim he had on the welterweights and thereafter would stick closely to the 130-pound notch.

Whether it was that Gans cast a blight on the welterweights by his feat of stopping their best representative of the welterweight division in I cannot say, but the fact remains that the class has dwindled down to nothing since then and today is in a sorry plight.

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