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PRESIDENI ROOSEVELT'S "COURTESY" GALL ON PRESIDENT K KXXXYXKX HOOVER, March 3, 1933. (From the New York Times)

March 3, 1933. (Washington, Friday, March 3 dateline). Leaders of the Hoover Administration and the new Roosevelt Administration conferred late last night and into the early hours today on the country's troubled banking situation, but with no tongible resuits.

Mr. Roosevelt will reach a decision at a further conference with his Senate leaders this morning as to how soon he will summon the new Congress in special session, and just what emergency national banking legislation he will recomraend.....

After Mr. Roosevelt Bs arrival last night it became known that earlier in the day he had flatly refused a proposal of Mr. Hoover that they join in a recommendation to Congress that it pass legislation to guarantee a percentage of time deposits in banks.

March 3. 1933. (Washington, March 2 dateline) ...He (Mr. Roosevelt) will call tomorrow on President Hoover at the white House but xity this will be primarily a courtesy call required by custom, as Mr. Roosevelt understands it, and this call will be returned by Mr. Hoover.

It is likely, however, that there will be some discussion of public matters in the meeting of the incoming and retiring president.

March 4, 1933. (Washington, March 3 dateline). ...He (Mr. Roosevelt) saw many people today and made a call on the President which lasted far beyond the time usually spent in this "courtesy" visit.

He broke another precedent by sending for Professor Raymond Moley to participate in the discussion with the President and Mr. Hoover, on the same basis, invited Secretary Mills to the meeting.......
(xye Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by James Roosevelt and his wife, called at 4 p. m.)
"On his arrival he discovered that the President wished to discuss the general business and banking situation as well as other problems which the incoming Administration must face.
"He then sent for Professor Moley, his advisor on economics, who accompanied him to the two previous White House conferences."
(the call last 1 hour and 10 minutes.)

Page 27. If it was warm enough to have tea on the South Portico, why would F.D. R. have a wrap on his leds? In seventeen years I nover saw him in a wheel chair with a cover over his legs.
F.D. F. on this occasion may have greeted Prince Bernhard and Princess Julitana at the front door but you cannot make the flat statement that because they were royalty he had to wat for them at the door. The fact is that they called many times subsequently and were ushered into the President's Stody by the Usher on duty.

Page 28. At the 1945 Inaugural F.D. R. sat in the Red Room .-. very fer of the guests outside of Cabinet inembers and their families saw him after he delivered his adress. fifew favored ones like Helen Keller, et cetera, were token by Anna or me to greet him. only family and close friends got by the elosed doors.

Page 39. Jimmy did not help F.D.R. to his feet. They both emerged from the Blue from and remained standing throughout the ceremony, whith was very short.
Page 73. F.D. M. did not eut personal friendships out of his life - and I don't maderstand the rest of this sentence "except his love for Missy." Missy had nothing to do with making him relared - certainly she and everyone el se around the President did what they could to make him comfortable. What is meant by, "Few people ever 'took' more for a man than she did for Roosevelt. If What she "took" was in the line of duty. Poople can be eruel and stoop to low levels of hate and hitting below the belt. Missy let none of this bother her as she was avare of the tactics used by the opposition, and knew because of the high esteem in which she was held by her associates that nothing these people could say could in any way ham her or her reputation, which was beyond reproach.

If P.D. 品. suffered a "decline" in the early $1940^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$; because of Missy's lack or infiuence, as is stated, how does the wuthor account for the fact that he was able to make this great comeback in 1941 and foct the most oritical period in our history, witimately winning a war of nearly lour years' duration?

Page 74. I don't wecall ever being at Shangi-La with the Boettigers and the Jimmy Byrnes'.
The President, as I have recounted, did invite Dorothy Brady and me to go along on the fishing trip to Danada. Therefore the statement that he "nover took women along" on fishing brips is not accurate.

I disagree with the statement that he "liked to watch things like the eost....of flowers for the dining room* In the seventeen years I was around the question of ordering flowers never arose. In Albany we hed a greenhouse and flowers in the garden. this was true also of Hyde Park and the White House. It can haxdly be mentioned as one of the things he kept tab on. Household matters of this kind were taken up with Mrs. Roosevelt.
not F.D.F.
F.D.R. inherited a tweed suit from his father -- not just a jacket. It belonged to James Roosevelb, his father, and not the President's grendfather.

Pege 75. I woula like to know Mr. Gunther's authority for the statement that "A member of the family went down the street settling the bills before the first inauguration. It is quite possible that with all the excitement of the Inauguration coming up, Miss Lefiand did not get around to paying F.D.R.'s bills for January and February. However, these were paid by oheck and I feel sure no member of the family went from shop to shop paying outstanding bills. This sounds to me like a Peglerism.

Page 77. The member of the family, who is quoted so freely, seems to have none of the facts. The Fyde Park payroll in the years the President was paying the bills after his mother's death in 1941, never reached $\$ 3,000$. And the sura of $\$ 175,000$ for the year is way out of whack.
pare 85. Howe never called T.D. I. "Frank." It was always "Boss or wranklin."
Pase 93. The sance on the tongue was raisin, not "caper." The food on the poromac and at Shangri-Law was greatly superior in imagination, ctiste and variety to the food served at the White House. The lady who related the story about the pineapple is a bit confused. At the Whits House three days maning one would be served a salad made of pineapple with cream cheese in the midale and a little decoration of cherries.

I don't think even F.D.R. wes oapoble of serving fifteen to eighteen people from one side of a turkey - wnless, of course, the turkey weighed 35 or 40 pounds, gnd tew of such size burkeys reathed the White House.

Pase 94. On very rare occasions when an important telephone call was expected for the President, or a guest who was not remaining for lumeh or dinner detained the President, Mrs. Roosevelt would suggest that we go into the dining room. Most of the time, however, We stood or sat aromed the big hall at Hyde Park and waited until the President rolled into the room first, Never in all the years did I hear hrs. Rooserelt say, "After all he is the President." It sounds nore unlike her then anything I have ever read.

Page 95. The legend of two kinds of gin has no basis in fact. T.D.R. used ftalian and French vermouth. Mever was I offered a gin and benedictine - gin and orange juice with brow sugar was a favorite with hin.

Page 103. T.D.R. dia not use "F.D. Roosevelt" in later years. It was either 昭.D. Re" or Mrankin D. Roossvelt. " He did cut his signature to MB.D. Roosevelt" when he was in the Navy Department becouse he hed so may thousands of letters and documents to sign that he found it too wearing and time consuming to write his name in full.


#### Abstract

He was most generous in giving his aubograph and would have signed many more items had we allowed hin to know there were requests for it.


Page 107. Hot altogether did they live in rented houses; 49 Erast $65 t h$ Street was their home and not rentec. Cempobello house was theirs and he had ownet a cottage at Marm Springs for nearly wwenty years.

Page 108. In Mr. Gunther's opinion he did a faulty job on the "Mop Cottage but he got exactly what he wanted in a cottage - woods, view, privacy, and a small house so few could be accommodated - so he achieved his purpose uhich vas to filnd a quiet retreat.

Wery fow of the fumishings in the Top Cottage came from the big house except per-
 He dia not like to remove anything fron the big house beceuse he wanted it to remain as it was through all the years he lived in it.

The cartoon referred to in the note at the bottom of the page was the President's favorite. There is a little girl in the pieture who calls to her mother to come and see what her little brother Wilfred is doing. The little boy is writing the natae "Roosevelt, which she says is a bad word.

Page 117. The Nuremberg trials, IE I recall correotiy, did not start until after $\overline{F_{n}} D_{0} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{3} \mathrm{~s}$ death.

Page 121. The custom of sending Christmas cards became such a problem thet it was discontinued in the eanly years. Those who received gifts found a card enclosed but there was no mailing list so fir. Cerf was not stricken from the list beause of nisgivings in regard to the sale of THR PUBLIC PAPERS.
ase 122. Lindley and Mienelson were never part of any speech-writing group. On ocea Sions they may heve made suggestions, orel and written, for some particular speech, and the same goes for Welles. Hopkins and Ben Cohen should have been included in this group as they were regulars for years.

Page 125. F.D.R. did not use the telephone eqtensively. A quarter of his working day would mean he spent three hours on the phone daily. He did no such thing. Practically no one was put through to the President without previous anmouncement to a secretary. If I.D.R. asked the operator to call someone, she da not hesitate to ring him back directiy becaase she knew he was waiting for the party. I know of no person who was cut off the list beanse he abused the privilege of using the telephone. If known lobbyists or high pressure public relations men made a practice of alling the President in an offort to impress their clients, we stalled them and passed the word along to the staft not to put the calls through.
Page 126. T.D.R. listed his Christmas presents as he unwrapped then but did not dictate notes of thanks wille opening then. In fact, he turned the longhand lists over to Misgy and me and we dictated the letters for his signeture.

The Presilent wes not the least bit eccentric in running his office, and his methods were far from "catch-as-cateh-can." He newer could have accomplished the anount of work he did is this was true.

Page 131. I would IIke to make a bet that no Cabinet member abserted hiselt from Cabinet meetings for six or seven months. The Gabinet member may not have had an office appointment for some reason or othex for some the but meetings were set for Triangs at 2 pom., so he would have no exeuse for stayting away save for illness.

Page 132. Hopkins could wet be considered T.D. Re's Secretary of state by the widest stretch of the tmagiation. Those who disliked Herm Hopkins accused him of ustrping their authority. He was blated by may for things he had no hand in.

Morgenthan Was the least relaxed man in the Cabinet. He is a very nervous and wormbsome type - far from soothing. And as for Henry being called in to hold F.D. A. 's hand, let me say the reverse is true.

Pege 132 . The telophone almost never rang in the Dobinet room inless the matter was of पtiol and of inaediate importance.

Page 103. I disbelleve the story about the toilet seat that is reported to have been hung in the shopwindow thit a placard.

Wo sty thet Mrs. Janes was "scentalized" beceuse the carpenters hed their own cars is completely silly. She no doubt wondered, partioularly if she mew the men of the tr femily circumstances, that they could afford to ride to work in an autombile which meantquite an outlay of their yearly income. .

Pase 164. Tou will confuse people fifty years from now with the innacurate reporting of the question to Mrs. Janes in 1932 as to whether "she were not surprised thet her son was In the thite Howse." and if I know his mother, she never made any such reply as reported by "someone." The quote from $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grs, danes that follows convinces me that m woman as smart }\end{aligned}$ as she, and as possessive, yould have worked in any way, by influence or other means, to have her son rup for the Presidency beceuse she was tery aware of what that would man in their close relationship-- families are neglected when a man devotes his life to polities. His entire time is spent on the problems of the nation when he is olected president. This is something zhe would not have worked tovard consciously because she preferred to have his company at all times regardess of whatever honor might come to him.
face 165. You seem surprised that another mother treated her son -- no matter what great things ke had done in life - like boy. What mother doesa't? fe all remain children, regardless of age, to our mothers - at least the kind of nothers I have known.

Page 174. If my momy serves me right, F.D.R. spent almost every New Tearts, during my association with hin, either at Albany or Washington, as he usually worked few Tear's Day preparing his Annual Message to the legislatures.

Page 215. The dank which President Wilson used on the Georaf Masmenton was in President Roosevelt's den in the Big House and later moved to his office in the tibrery. Jimy Roosevelt fell meir to this after his father's death but, I believe, he told the Director that he wold leave it to the Library in his will. I assume the desk is in California.

Page 2y7. I did not come into the picture until eight years after the fice-Presidential compaign.

Pare 220. Dr. Menntire is awoy a have not been able to check the President's height


Pege 231. At Hyde Park, if he whs held up at the Hibrary past the appointed luncheon hour, he would instruct whoever was carrying hin to contime right on into the dining room, as he was late. In the white House he vas seldom carried because the distences vere mach greater. I never sav hin carried to the table in the thite House.

Page 254. I m of the opinion that some newspapermen first referred to the vern springs cottage as the "Little White House" and it caught on.

Page 237. The President could have been left alone had he wished it that way. He did not Like to be alone. He liked to have one of us around even when he was ploying solitatre.

His meals were never served on the split second. His brearlast was the only meal that was served at a nore or less regalar hour. His luneh, becmse his last appointment overstayed, was served sowetime between one and one forty-five, though scheduled for one. The dinper hour was set for seven-thirty, exept on the formal oceasions when it wes eight $0^{\prime}$ clook, but frequentIy F.D. A. got so engrossed in conversation, or Mrs. Roosevel layed or gue啫t were late, that it might be eight or eight-fitteen before ke arrived at the table.

Page 238, hite eny of us he apprectated a kind word when he felt miserable but he was not the complaning type and required no babying. think the illnees of elose friends disbressed him quibe naturally and I see no reason for singling out Howe and Hopkins as exceptions.

Page 257. I recall that Mrs. Roosevelt had her "at homes" on Wecnesdays in Albany and she writes herself (page 36) that she "continued to teach Lor two and a helf days a week, leavo ing Albeny on Swnday evenings and returning Wednesday aftempons." I note Mr. Canther has her returning "Thursedey night."

Pace 263. Frank C. Walker, not D.
Page 265. F.D.a. did not take out the $\$ 560,000$ life insurance policy. It was taken out by the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, which was the beneticiary. (Reference: Mrs. Roosevelt': TEIS I RTMEMBER, page 368.)

Rage 323. The President's short speech, asking for a declaration of war, was his om. Ee sent for me in the late afterioon and dietated the speech without hesitation and without seferring to any notes. I have no idea whether he mentioned what he had in mind to Sumer Welles and Harry Hopkins. Ifeel quite sure that no one uxged him to deliver the speech in
percon - his mind wes made up as soon as the nows of the atback on Pearl Herboy was reGelved.

Page 368. As an old hand at blotting Presidentlal signatures on mail, cocuments, momoranda, et cetera, I would Inke to correct the statement that HAcording bo custom, the
 1 dectact that on signatures to Acts of Congress, photognaphs and certificates of appointment, it wes best to let the inir dry neturally because it vould etand out better and lest longer. This applied also to the diplomas for the graduating olass of Gallaudet College, or any sited quotabion requested for exhibition purposes by libraries or museuns. The used onf fudgnent but there was no hard and fast rule followed.

Pege 369. Dr. Bruenn was first notified of the President's 111 ness by Hiss Eackmeister.
4. ...Bruenn was working over the President, who had been undressed and was lying un consclous in his pejames. "

HBmenn did what he could. While T.D. F. was being undressed his heart stopped, and then started ggain.

Who made this discovery - Fspencille or Prettyman gyidently Eruenn wasnt there, eccordigg to this report, wile M.D. R. wos belng undressed.
 Hhely that both Mass Melano and Mass Suckley were on the same call, and that Daisy also joined in the conversation.
 They were not nobified for some thre becanse of the delay in zetture the nevs to thes. Foosevelt. Hater they wene asken to meet itw, Tassett at another cottage, where the press conference wes held and the announcenent made by Hassett.

Mashington, D. C. June 26, 1950.

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Joe E. Brown visited the White House shorty after his return from the battlefronts where he did a magnificent job of entertaining for the troops. Although a famous celebrity hinself, he was as excited as a child the day I saw him in Washington. He was one of a number of Hollywood sters who had come to the Nation's Capital to swell the funds for the National Foundetion for Infantile Paralysis. All these good people had expected to meet the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Iunch with them, as had been the custom in previous years. But the President had gone off to the Yelte Conforence. They lunched with the first Ledy and then she took then on a sight-seeing tour of the White House and the Executive Offices.

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July,'1903: Soeze: Ship bound for Liverpool. - Ohris. 3. Pra , MDR.

Scene 1: Moderately rough. Pr-very ill. FDR OK.
Scene 2: Arrival Liverpool. Stay hotel. Pro-wires uncle and aunt who have Landed Scottish Moor. Mhink I have typhoid. Very 111. Can I come at once." FDR wires Cholnelry family, Granthem, Lancashire "hay I come for weekend (this being friday morning). Scene 3: 2 hours later, telegran from Pr- relatives. "Come scotland at once. Telegram from Cholnelrys "Cannot have you weekend, but you can come Tuesday morning".

Scene 4: Pr- leaves for Scotland very low in mind and body. FDR train for London arriving 6 pom. and going small lodgings Curzon Street. Pr- says will turn for London following Thursday. Farrives London exhausted, turns in.

Soene 5: Saturday morning London. F Breakiasts and at 10 a.m. leaves hotel, summons - cab and says "Take me to Bowers the show man on Oxford Street. Cabby says "Sorry, Sir, Saturday holiday sir", all shops closed here". F. says: "Is Forts, taklor, closed." "Yes, sir, says cabby. No stores open here. T. says - - - spends morning in rooms - lunches alone on cold mutton and caper sauce and boiled potatoes. After lunch takes bus to old book stands near St. Paul's. Book stand closed. Tries Strand book stands, closed. Wanders to Thames - . Returns to lodgings 5 p.m. wondering what of the evening. Looks in evening papers. No theatres open. Music halls in $\quad \mathrm{V}$ not athotive. Doesn t know where $C$ is, therefore less attractive - of music halls. However having been to $T$ weekend, remembers that Nat

Thayer's family should be in London at this time. Three daughters, youngest Sally planning to some Saturday ovening class and coming out party as $P^{\text {. Knows they stay et Claridges. Puts on full works. }}$ Arrives Claridges 8 p.m., asks for Thayers. No Thayers for a week. Enters Claridge dining room alone wishing to make proper appearance after asking for Nat Thayers, orders 20 dollar dinner, including champagne and 3 dollar - Drinks champagne all alone. No person in restaurant less than 60 . Drinks much champagne and correct liquor Returns to lodgings and goes to bed.

Scene 6: Sunday morning. Sleeps 4 hours longer than possible. Avoids breakeast, goes down stairs to dining room in lounge because no breakfast served in room after 11 a.m. Attacks boiled mutton and boiled potatoes, returns to room and hoping there may be an afternoon service, takes bus to St. Pauls, finds an evening service, takes another bus to Westminster, finds afternoon service just finished, takes bus to Hyde Park. Wanders in company with nurse majds and infants (for 2 hours). Tries to find tea room or restaurant for tea. Nothing open. Returns to lodgings. Cold Sunday evening dinner. Decides to be heroic. Returns to room and writes pages to the family in expectation that all the shopping will be done on Monday.

Seene 7: Monday morning in London wakes bright and early must crowd ordering of shofs and clothes and buying of presents all into one day before leaving next moming for the cholnelvis. into one day before leaving next morning for the Cholnelrys. Telegram from Pr- "Typhoid probably averted will join you Thursday*. Leaves hotel at 10 a.m., surmons hamm, "Drive me to Powell and Gl- Oxford Street". Cabby salutes "Gorry Sir bank holiday". Pleads with cabby to open some store. Cabby obdurate all stores
closed. Returns to room to $\quad$.
(a) No Stores.
(b) Wo friends.
(c) Family written to.

Completely lost starts to wander. Wanders down Picadilly hoping to meet a friend. No friends. Wanders to oxford street hoping to meet friends. Wanders to stana-closed too. Wanders back through strand to old Cheshire churches - hoping for - lunch and church and - church closed. Takes bus to Humersmith one hour. Takes bus back from end of route. Takes bus another route to unknown point and returns from opposite direction. Goes to Rdelkin on Strand. Wanders among - Recognizes no one. Wanders back to Pall Mall. At distance of at least 3 blocks suddenly see Fly Glub hat - runs at top speed. Sees - recognizes $G$ Parkman and - mutual my God what are you doing here. Asks Parkman what he is doing. He has wandered all streets all day hoping for a friendly face - he to - to London Cheshire church, Humersmith - point, St. Paul's, Hestminster Abbey and is completely lost. Adjourn to Ch Bar great enthusiasm. It is open. Send a telegram to Cholnelry "Cannot arrive Tuesday morning will arrive late afternoon train. Parkman and FDR stay at Ch Bar from 4 p.m. to 1 am.m -- no other place open in British Capital.

Scene 8: Tuesday morning $F$ duly awekened and dressed by lunch. He is - orders shols, clothes and buys presents and catches 4 p.m. train to Grantham. - Tuesday evening meets old Cholnelry family friends, wires Pr- he cannot arrive Iondon until Priday morning, has delightful two days.

Priday morning left Cholnelrys, arrived Iondon 11 a.m., met at station by Pr- fairly irate because I was a day late. No signs of typhoid. Tells me of surprise in store. We go to Cr Bar Which was the last place I have any recollection of. There we add Nat Ball, Perkman and three others of Fly Olub. Eriday afternoon - by Fly Club to ola book stores to acquire $\$ 250$ worth of books for Ply Club, $F$ being librarian thereof. Oh Bar 5 p.m., retums lodgings to dress. Ball - 21 st birthday dinner at Cafe Royale. 7 members of Club. Entering Cafe ascending very steep wide high stajis to left red carpeted. Thence to private dining room of bslcany overlooking main restaurant iloor. - dinner 9 courses, 9 wines. At midnight distinct recollection of gold fish bowl in midde of table this after many toasts to Nat Ball on his 2lst birthay. pelzue Rishing of Hookey Wilkinson 105 trying to catch gold iish on fork tied to end of napkin. Pr-insisting on bed as he and I bound for Intertaken in morning. He and I break party up. Ball leaves to pay bill for party. Rest of us start down stairs 5 minutes later. Ball at foot of stairs having paid bill and is. saying to Maitred'hotel in perfect French. "Yes' the Balls are greatly honored tonight because $I$ heve as my guest Mr. R. cousin to the - Presient. At that moment $F$ starts down long red flight of stairs. Slipper catches. F descends balance of (Duriere) stairs on fatny. Arrives and - next to Bell and Maitre d'Hotel on his back. Nat says to M. d'H "Tt Le Toila".

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