

House, that he wouldn't have a man of his type or his character^R around. Now, of course, T.R. was a little ~~very~~ extreme in some of his statements. A successor of his of the same last name, but of a different political party, had this man's son as one of his private advisors with him when he went ~~xxxxxxx~~ to some great conferences. But his idea then was different. But ~~that~~ I am just mentioning this to show how powerful he was with perhaps, as I say, six or eight of the class I railroads of this country, he was president of them, he was a very very powerful figure in American life, for a period of a good many years, and he gave a dinner down in Washington once, he was president of the Southern Pacific ~~railroad~~ Railroad among other railroads, and in 1906 or 7 he gave a dinner in Washington, and there was an obscure congressman from a little district up in northern California who was present at the dinner, this dinner was given for the Senators and Congressmen ~~xxxxxxx~~ from the State of California, and this man who gave the dinner, I would like to ~~ix~~ introduce Mr. So and So, the next governor of California, and everybody said, What a crazy idea. This obscure congressman here, he'll never be governor of California. He telegraphed wires to his representatives in California, and he was the next governor of Calif. It just shows the power that E. H. Harriman, the father of the present governor of New York had at one time in the United States. Well, 15 years afterwards I mentioned this to this fellow and he said, I don't believe it, ~~ix~~ I never heard of the man. Never even heard of him. I don't believe such a thing ever happened. Well, maybe none of you ever did either. It happens he never had a political office. He didn't run for anything. He's ~~ix~~ not included in our list of presidents or governors or anything like that, and he's pretty largely forgotten, but if you read newspapers or magazines of the periods between 1905 or 1910 or 12, ~~xxxxxxx~~ or if you read any detailed history of the period, you will find that everything I have just said about him is absolutely true. But he has disappeared from our recollection now. Most people today are familiar with his son, the Governor of New York, who some people talk of as a possible democratic candidate for President, but very few of them have any ~~ix~~ idea of anything about his father, and yet he was as important as that in American life at that time, and there was ~~ix~~ probably