



The President as he appeared when he returned from the canon.

## PREST. ROOSEVELT IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

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**W**HILE visiting Yellowstone park some months ago, I was fortunate enough to secure views of President Roosevelt and his camp as they appeared during his visit to that interesting "Wonderland" of the Northwest.

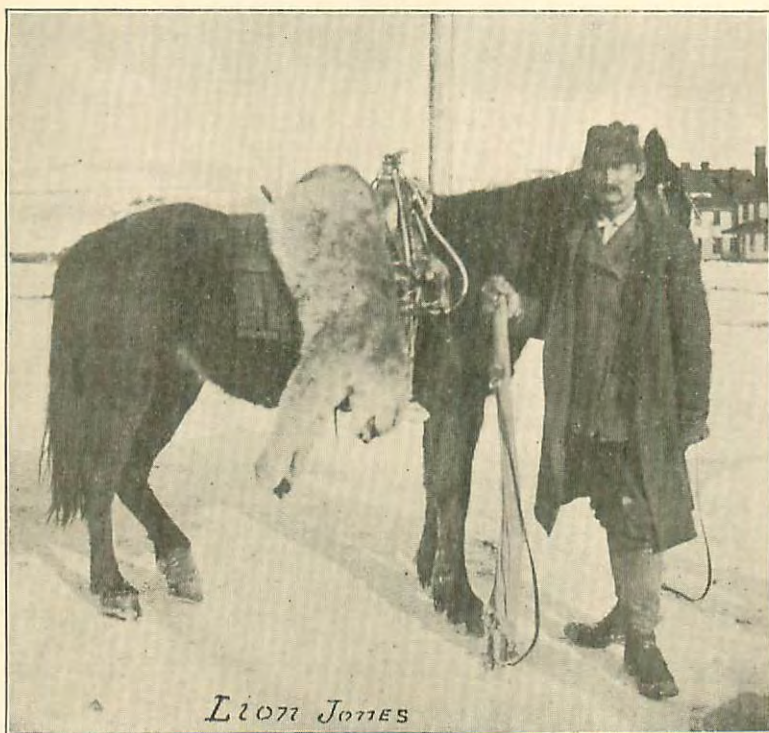
President Roosevelt has long been known for his daring disposition. Indeed, he must be made of the same material as was Lord Nelson, who, when asked by his mother if he were not afraid to do a certain thing, said: "Mother, what is fear?" It seems as if the president of the United States does not know what fear is. It is said by some

calm, experienced heads that his daring takes on the appearance, at least, of carelessness and lack of judgment.

One day, while in the Yellowstone park, the president and Mr. Jones, the game warden of the park, were to have taken a trip up a certain canon far from the beaten paths of that wild country. It so happened that the warden was called away that day and they were disappointed. The president said that he would take a walk, at least, for morning exercise, and put off down the path leading to the canon, which was to have been visited. No one thought strange of



The President's Camp in Yellowstone Park.



"Largest Lion Ever Killed in That Country."

this until noon, when he had not made his appearance.

There was much alarm among the people at the warden's residence, for none knew better than they of the danger in that region at that season of the year. When some thought it time to send a scout for him he came into sight over the hill and walked down the path which he had taken in the morning.

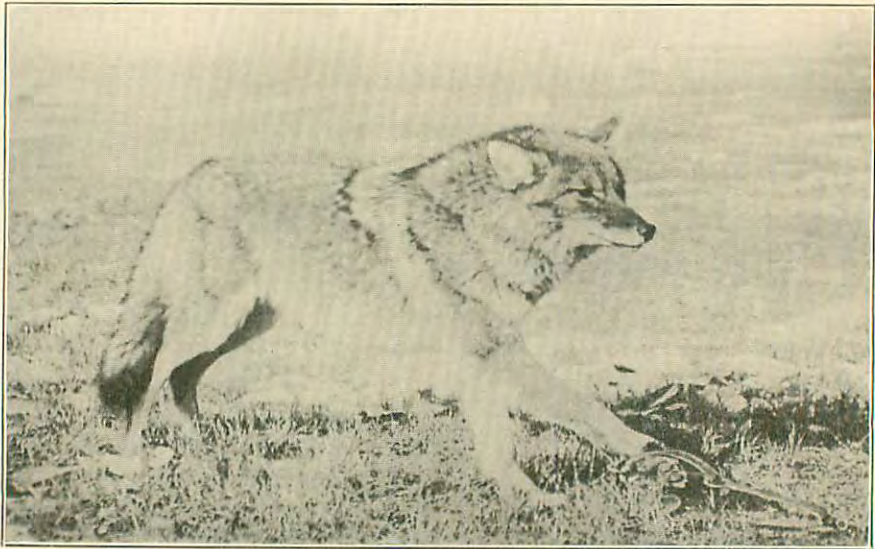
It was learned that he had followed the canon for twelve miles and returned, having traveled twenty-four miles on foot and alone, with no other weapon than his hunting knife in his belt. The picture shows him as he returned from that day's tramp.

The canon traveled by him is known to be the locality where the mountain lions are the most numerous and bold in all that wild region. When you remember that this trip was taken early in the season, before the big game makes its retreat far up the mountains, and when lion and bear are pressed with hunger, you will readily see the dan-

ger with which the president was surrounded. It cannot be said that he did not know his danger, for his knowledge of dangerous wild beasts, gained by much previous experience, was sufficient to inform him of the danger of such a trip.

It was said that not a scout or soldier in the park would have been satisfied that day until the president was found, had they known of the foolish manner by which he secured that morning's exercise. A few days after the president had left the park, a brother of Warden Jones killed the largest lion ever seen in that country in the very canon where the president had taken his morning tramp.

[Without wishing to reflect upon the courage of President Roosevelt, which is acknowledged by all who know him, we would say that our correspondent exaggerates the danger to which the president was subjected, at least insofar as attack from bears and lions is concerned. These animals invariably retreat from man, the only exceptions being when bear are cornered or wounded, or are in the act of protecting their young. Probably the greatest coward of man among the animal kingdom is the cougar, or mountain lion.—Editor.]



Gray Wolf in Trap, Caught near Greeley, Colo.