

## "PROPER," OR NO DANCE

### Congress Won't Permit "Contortions" at Inaugural Ball.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Jan. 17.—If the inaugural ball is held on the night of President Wilson's induction into office there will be no "turkey trotting," "grizzly bear gyrations" or "bunny hug Tenderloin movements," even though Congress is compelled to frown officially on the modern dances.

This was practically decided when the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds met to-day to consider a resolution granting use of the Pension Building for ballroom purposes, and Representative Roddenbery startled everybody by announcing he would offer an amendment which would place under the ban dances of the character named.

Mr. Roddenbery's amendment, which he insists shall go into the resolution if the use of the Pension Building is authorized, follows:

That the grant of permit to the committee on inaugural ceremonies for the use of the Pension Building for the inaugural ball is expressly upon condition and with the limitation that for the prevention of acts of public indecency the following so-called dances are absolutely barred and prohibited: "Grizzly bear" gyrations, the "bunny hug" Tenderloin movements, the "turkey trot" contortions, and all like vulgarity of the "hoochee coochee" dance, and all similar forms of gymnastic convulsive movements suggestive of the degenerate revelries of the "segregated districts."

The committee in charge of said ball is charged with the enforcement of this provision, and the sergeant-at-arms of the House and the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate are especially charged conjointly and separately with the duty of enforcing this section, and for the purposes thereof are hereby given plenary powers.

"Would you know these dances if you were to see them?" Mr. Roddenbery was asked during the hearing.

The Georgian smiled and said he thought he would recognize them, after having attended "divers and sundry functions of recent date."

William C. Eustis, chairman of the inaugural committee, held an informal conference with members of the committee to-day over President-elect Wilson's letter suggesting that the committee consider the feasibility of omitting the inaugural ball. He said the committee would do all possible to meet the wishes of Mr. Wilson.

It was decided to learn more of President-elect Wilson's wishes, and the committee will wait until next week before taking formal action.