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ROOT MAY BECOME SECRETARY OF STATE

(By Scripps News Association)
New York, July 6.—The President arrived at Jersey City at nine o'clock this morning from Cleveland where he went to attend the funeral of the late Secretary John Hay. The trip was without incident. At several points on the return trip the President bowed his acknowledgement to the waiting crowds, but made no speeches. From Jersey City the Presidential party ferried to Long Island City where at nine forty five they boarded the train for Oyster Bay. Elihu Root left the party at Jersey City and came home. It is stated upon good authority that Elihu Root has the offer of the State Portfolio. He is holding the offer under consideration and has promised to give the President a definite answer tomorrow. It is the belief of the members of the cabinet who accompanied the

President on the trip that Mr. Root's answer will be favorable.
Washington D C July 6.—It is reported here in official circles that Elihu Root has indicated to the President that he would accept the position of Secretary of State.
New York, July 6.—While no announcement has been made today, it is stated in circles where Elihu Root is prominent and intimately acquainted, that he is to accept the portfolio of state.
Mr Root held several conferences this afternoon, looking to be relieved of private legal engagements, because of the nature of the tender. There seems little doubt that his hands will soon be free for his acceptance of the state portfolio and that it will soon be publicly announced.

LAND FRAUD CASES SET

By Scripps News Association
Portland, July 6.—Federal Judge Dehaven this morning overruled demurrers in the land fraud cases in which James Hanson, Chas. Nichols and Henry Holdrum are defendants.
The following cases were set for trial following the case against congressman Williamson which commences tomorrow, W N Jones, Daniel Clark, Thad Potter and Ina Wade, who are accused of conspiracy to obtain lands in the Siletz Indian reservation.
In the cases against senator Mitchell, congressman Herman and O Ormsby and others have been placed a foot of the calendar.
A number of bench warrants have been issued for minor defendants.

Railroad for Dawson

By Scripps News Association
Chicago, June 6.—Captain John J Healy arrived here today from New York where he has been securing endorsements for a trans-Siberian railroad scheme to Alaska where he goes with J A Wadell, chief engineer of the project to lay out the proposed route. It is reported that the Clear will make a concession of eight miles on each side of the track from Ikulek to East Cape upon the conditions having been compiled with. A quarter billion dollar company will be formed in this country by October and actual road construction will be commenced next year. It is planned to build a forty mile tunnel under the straits and it is estimated that it will require five years to complete the road. Dawson will be the eastern terminus.

THE FRATERNAL TRIBUNES PROMPT

A warrant was received, this morning by H O Thomson Sec. for La Grande "Home Tribune No 119", for the payment of the claim of Mrs Lottie L Gilpin. Mrs Gilpin died June 11th, making just 25 days from the time of her death. This promptness speaks well for the Fraternal Tribunes.

ALBERT PATRICK APPEALS

Scripps News Association
New York, July 6.—Albert Patrick who is awaiting execution for the murder of William Marshuice, instructed his counsel David Hill to take case to the states supreme court. The execution was set for the week commencing August 7. He appeals for a temporary stay.

RUSSIAN PAPER SNEERS AT HAY

St. Petersburg, July 6.—The press, especially the liberal organs, continue to pay high tribute to the late Secretary Hay as a man, as a scholar and as a statesman, praising the almost ideal plane on which his diplomacy was based. The Neva Vremya expresses the only unkind note regarding the deceased statesman, saying:
"As China's wet nurse, as the enemy of Russia and as the encourager of Japan, he was mainly responsible for the check administered to Russia's dream of empire in the orient."

Big Forest Fire

By Scripps News Association
Santa Cruz July 6.—Big forest fire are raging in the mountains near Boulder Creek. The fire started from a smoldering pile of a mill on Newell creek and has burned over several ranches a large amount of split and virgin timber. A large force of men are engaged in fighting the fire.

Convicts Still Out

(By Scripps News Association)
Tacoma July 6.—One boat in which the eight convicts escaped from Mc Neil Island, after cutting their way out of prison, was located this morning near Steilacoom, about thirty miles away.
Six posse are now out on the mainland and although rumors are current from various localities that the convicts have been seen, that far they have eluded capture.
Thousands of campers who are out in the Puget Sound country are coming to the city, fearing to remain in the woods long while the convicts are at large.

TWENTY ONE DEAD FROM CYCLONE

By Scripps News Association
Dallas Texas July 6.—A late report from Nocona states that twenty one were dead from yesterday's cyclone. W Montague found two dead at Jackboro while in the Jurax there were sixty three. Several of the wounded will die and the list of both wounded and dead is growing. The property loss is estimated at two hundred thousand dollars.

Captures Vessel

Scripps News Association
Odessa July 6.—It is reported that the Kniaz Potemkin has captured a Russian merchant vessel and seized the provisions and money.

Deliveries Orlers

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago Ill.—Judge Holden today ordered six of the local express firms to make deliveries to the strike bound houses. This order will likely lead to a spread of the strike, as the union drivers will not work with the non union men.

Submarine Founders

By Scripps News Association
Parisville, Tunis, July 6.—A French submarine with a crew of thirteen foundered here today.

MAY SEND TORPEDO BOAT

St Petersburg, July 6.—According to the latest advices received by the admiralty, the battleship Kniaz Potemkin is still at Theodosia. In an interview, Admiral Wirenius, the chief of the naval staff, said that he advised sending a torpedo boat to sink the outlawed ship, and that this was the best method of handling the grave situation.

BANKER SUICIDES NO CASH LEFT

Scripps News Association
Richmond Ind., July 6.—The Commercial Bank of Hartstown, which closed its doors when Charles Bowman committed suicide Monday, was not reopened. An investigation shows only \$190 cash left out of deposits of one hundred thousand. It is not known what Bowman did with the money.

UNVEIL BRONZE STATUE

By Scripps News Association
Portland July 6.—The bronze statue of Sacajewea, which was erected by the women of the Northwest, to the memory of the Indian heroine who guided Lewis and Clark in the explorations a century ago was unveiled at the exposition under the auspices of the order of Redmen. The unveiling was preceded by a Redmen's parade which was composed of Redmen from all sections of the north west.

Five Miners killed

(Scripps News Association)
Connellsville, Pa., July 6.—Five miners are known to have been killed and many injured by an explosion in the Taylor shaft this morning. Details of the explosion are unobtainable at this time.

MINE OWNER KILLS HIMSELF

(By Scripps News Association)
Oolebrook, Conn., July 6.—Winthrop Turner, a millionaire mine owner, of Somers Mexico, killed himself in a pasture lot here this morning. He was dependent on account of his ill health. He was a party of the Yale graduates.

GREAT GATHERING ATTENDS CEREMONY

By Scripps News Association
Paris, July 6.—The ceremonies connected with the transfer to the United States of the body of John Paul Jones took place this afternoon, the time being three thirty. The funeral services were held at the American Protestant Episcopal church which was filled with French officials, and the American mission to receive the body. Prominent residents of the American colony were present, together with ambassador and Mrs. McCormick and the consul general, also Mrs. Gowdy. Following the services, General Porter, the senior special ambassador, formally transferred the remains to the care of Francis B Loomis, junior special

ambassador. During the ceremonies the coffin rested on a catafalque chancel. Dr Morgan, the rector of the church, read a simple service and several hymns were sung. At the conclusion of the exercises, the body was conveyed to the Esplanade Des Invalides under an escort. Mounted guardsmen formed the guard of honor and then came the sailors from the American warships. The guardsmen lined the streets and kept back the enormous crowds. The coffin was placed on a raised platform in the Esplanade and the guards filed by. The bands played American and French anthems, after which the body was removed to Cherbourg on a special train.

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