

TAFT MAKES FIRST SPEECH

CHOOSES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS HIS THEME.

WILL OUTLINE POLICIES

Speech at Syracuse Said to Be Disappointing to Many of His Listeners—President Believes Agriculture Should Be Taught in Schools.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Choosing the agricultural department for the subject of his first speech President Taft today, it is claimed, disappointed many, for instead of talking politics as had been expected he talked on the agriculture of the nation and the department at Washington which is his head.

He said he expected a fifteen million dollar increase in the cost of maintenance of the department but that expense would be justified by the good the department would do in teaching the farmers the benefits derived from all experiments.

At breakfast he outlined the trip west saying he would discuss the issues of the day and make clear to all his policies.

Taft said, "While I do not say that the present agricultural department might do the same work with less money by a closer knit organization I am confident that the increased appropriations yearly may be expected. The chief object of this department is advisory and educational and includes scientific investigation. With reference to improvement of agricultural education and to active and effective operation by the state authorities with federal authorities, there is nothing left to be desired. It is proposed that every county and every state shall have trained agriculturists to be paid partly by the government and partly by the county. It is thought that by actual experiment in connection with high school and agricultural colleges such a stimulus would be given the present generation of farmers that the next on future generations will feel."

Governors End Conference

Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 16.—The annual conference of governors, which has been in progress here since Tuesday, concluded this morning with a session devoted to the consideration of the problems of prison labor.

Atlanta's New Tabernacle.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 16.—The Rev. L. G. Broughton will preach his initial sermon tomorrow morning in the new Baptist tabernacle, which has just been completed in this city at a cost of \$200,000.

WHITE HOPE IS A FAILURE

NO CHANCE TO EVER BE AMONG THE BIG PUGS.

His Defeat Last Night Puts Him Out of the Champion Class.

New York, Sept. 16.—That White Hope Morris of Oklahoma is a failure for the championship class is the opinion of those who witnessed his ten round mill with Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, last night. Morris got the worst of it despite his 50 pounds more weight than his opponent and his five inches taller.

This leaves the sporting world again at sea as to who it shall pick to beat Johnson.

SIDNEY A. STAUNTON.

Admiral in the Navy is Friend of President.



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BANDITS NOT YET CAUGHT

THEORY NOW IS THAT THEY FLOATED DOWN THE RIVER.

Border Line Is Being Combed Thoroughly But No Result.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 16.—Despite the fact that General Manager Sweeney of the bank at Westminster, which was looted of over three hundred thousand dollars, says they have definite clues that yeggmen did the job, the provincial officers and detectives seem at sea today. The country between the border of the United States and Canada is being combed in a thorough manner but no trace of the bandits is obtainable. Heavy rains have made the roads almost impassable and the theory that the robbers escaped in an auto is almost abandoned. It is now believed that they floated down the river.

Brymner this afternoon said he could not give the loss exactly sustained by the bank but that \$250,000 was very conservative. He also said it was the most scientific burglary job ever pulled off in Canada. Officials so far have got no trace whatever.

New Westminster, Sept. 16.—The bank that was robbed today offered \$5,000 reward and five per cent of all money received for the capture of the bandits. Three of the stolen bills were found in Vancouver today. Detectives are trying to ascertain who put them in circulation.

Negro Slayer of Policeman Dead

New York, Sept. 16.—Early in the coming week John W. Collins, a negro, will be put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing for the killing of Policeman M. J. Lynch in this city on July 1st, last.

The policeman was killed just as he was entering the negro's rooms in Thirty-seventh street to learn the cause of two revolver shots which the negro had fired out of a window. Collins had been drinking heavily, and on the night of the murder entered the house and fired two shots at the janitor. Later he left the house and returned with a bottle of gin. After drinking most of the gin he fired two shots in the air, and told a woman who was with him to lock the door. Instead she ran to the street shouting for help. Policeman Lynch appeared and Collins shot him in the head. The negro made his escape across the roofs of the houses, but was captured within an hour. His trial, conviction and sentence to death followed within less than sixty days.

Governor Will Resign.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 16.—It is reported today that Governor Plaisted will soon resign to seek the toga of the late Senator Frye.

WORK ON FAIR IS PUSHED; EXHIBITORS WILL BE MANY

The work of erecting the pavilion and stables to house the live stock and exhibits for the annual Union county fair is fast being pushed to completion and there is not the least doubt but what the best fair ever held in the county will begin here September 27 and continue until October 3rd.

At a board meeting last evening reports from different parts of the county showed a determination on the part of ranchers and fruit growers to bring in good exhibits as well as a fine showing of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. Extra inducement is being offered to all who will take an interest this year. The premiums are very good and the people who follow agricultural pursuits are taking a great interest in seeing that the very best produced is put on display.

Public Wedding a Feature.

The couple who is married during the fair will be one of the most popular in the county if the special prizes

and the desire to extend courtesy to them continues as it has started, and there is no doubt it will, the couple will have about all they need to begin their married life in the way of a housekeeping outfit.

"I am glad to see the people of the county taking such an interest in the exposition," remarked one of the fair board today. "We realize that the effort La Grande is putting forth is being met with the best of feeling and appreciation from the men in the valley who raise good stuff. So far as the city is concerned it is a non-producer but that fact does not take away the intense desire and pride in the agricultural section's production. There is not a man, woman or child in La Grande who does not look upon the rural part of the county as the foundation and bulwark of our great prosperity and what we can do to make a success of this entire county exposition will be done."

CORPORATIONS PAY MONEY TO FIGHT RECIPROCITY

Ottawa, Canada, Sept. 16.—Large advertisements appearing in the anti-reciprocity papers here and in other cities today is taken to mean that an organized effort of the business interests is being made to down the

reciprocity at the coming election. It is also charged that American corporations are paying large sums of money into the anti-reciprocity organizations since these same corporations have been whipped in the United States.

ODD FELLOWS MEET IN CONCLAVE

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 16.—Odd Fellows from all parts of the United States, Canada, and Mexico gathered in Indianapolis today for the 86th annual communication of the sovereign grand lodge, which will be opened on Monday. Today many of the delegates went to Greensburg to visit the I. O. O. F. home there.

It is estimated that by Monday 200,000 members of the fraternity will be in the city. Addresses of welcome by

Governor Marshall, former Vice President Fairbanks, U. Z. Wiley, past grand master, and John B. Cockrum, grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge, will mark the opening session Monday morning. The parade Wednesday night and the military ball on Thursday night are principal features of the week's program. Auxiliary organization will meet during the week. These include the Rebekah assembly and the Patriarchs Militant.

WILL STRIKE OCCUR NEXT WEEK?

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—President Ragain, of the Federated shop employees of the Harriman lines denied today any knowledge of developments in the controversy between the management of the roads and he said he had heard nothing from the railroads and did not expect to hear from them

for a few days. The Federation will not sign except as a single organization, asserted the president and he also asserted that the building of the stockades by the company was just a bluff. He would not talk concerning the rumor that the men may strike next week.

Ballinger Makes Denial.

Seattle, Sept. 16.—Ballinger today emphatically denied the statement attributed to him relative to the public land convention which meets in Seattle, September 28. The published report was to the effect that in accepting an invitation to address the congress he wrote, "While secretary of the interior I had to conform to the views of the administration, but as a private citizen conditions have changed."

WET BY 134.

Although no official figures can be obtained until Governor Plaisted returns from Spring Lake it is now almost assured that Maine has gone wet at the recent election by 134 plurality.

"Butcher" Order to Seeb.

Peking, Sept. 16.—Tsen Chun Suan, pitiless suppressor of the outbreaks and known throughout his native land as "butcher," has been ordered to Szechuen to quell the rebellion. This means that the situation is beyond control. The missionaries in the interior are said to be safe but it is not said whether or not any have been killed prior to this time. Chinese reports say 20,000 modern troops outside Cheng Tu refuse to join either side. The American and British missionaries in the province number at least 500.

Bandits Kill One.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 16.—David Steen, paymaster of the Pittsburg Coal company, was shot and killed and his companion injured. Masked bandits did the work and escaped after grabbing the money bag. Amount of the theft is unknown. A posse is in pursuit.

CHARLES H. SHERRILL.

Former Minister of Argentine Who Retired to Private Life.



PREMIER SEEMS MUCH IMPROVED

HIS ASSASSIN WAS A MEMBER OF THE POLICE SERVICE.

Good Evidence That Terrorists Are Again Becoming Active

Kieff, Sept. 16.—Premier Stolypin today showed slight improvement from the wound inflicted by the bullet from a gun in the hands of a lawyer at a theatre here. The condition of the premier is said to be very gratifying to his physicians. The discovery that Bogron, the assassin, was in police service at the time he did the shooting and gained admission to the theatre as one of the czar's guards is worrying officials very much. The officials who permitted him to enter will likely be punished severely. The assassin intimates he was after the czar and intended to assassinate him. Talk of insanity on the part of Bogron finds no sympathy and the opinion still prevails that the terrorists are again taking hold.

Michigan Ready for Taft.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 16.—Everything is in readiness for the reception of President Taft, who is due to arrive in Detroit at an early hour Monday morning for a four days' visit in Michigan. Early Monday morning he will go to Pontiac, returning to Detroit before noon of the same day for the opening of the state fair. At luncheon he will be the guest of the Detroit board of commerce. A ride about the city will occupy the early afternoon and at 4:45 p. m. he will start for Saginaw and Bay City.

Wedded in the Berkshires.

Pittsfield, Mass., Sept. 16.—The most notable wedding of the season in the Berkshires took place today when Miss Marion Burbank, daughter of General and Mrs. James Brattle Burbank of New York, became the bride of Ellis Knowles of Pensacola, Fla. The ceremony was performed at Brattle farm, the summer home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Charles O. Arnold of New Lenox.

Enid Celebrates Birthday.

Enid, Okla., Sept. 16.—Today was the 18th anniversary of the opening of the Cherokee strip to settlement and the birth of the town of Enid, and the occasion has been fittingly celebrated. The entire week has been a gala one, with a fair and carnival in progress attended by thousands of visitors from all points within a large radius.

Roundup Has 10,000.

Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 16.—Fully ten thousand people were in the grand stand today at the Roundup to witness the frontier contests.

RAILROADS ASK AFFIRMATION

TWO CENT FARE CASE MAY BRING ON STATE RIGHTS QUESTION.

GOVERNORS OPPOSE IT

Chief Executive of States Say It Means All Commonwealths Will Be Reduced to Mere Provinces—Railroads Are Urging Decision Upheld.

New York, Sept. 16.—Railroads here today are urging to urge the United States supreme court to uphold a decision of Federal Judge Sanford nullifying the two-cent fare law. The decision was heralded as a guarantee of federal protection to capital engaged in transportation against so-called restrictive laws passed by the state legislature.

Financiers of Wall street condemn the action of the house of governors at Spring Lake because they took exception to the Sanborn decision and rebuked the judge. The governors declared if the decision was upheld it meant that the states would be reduced to mere provinces of a centralized power at Washington.

Multi-Millionaire D'cad.

Los Angeles, Sept. 16.—Gripped by the haunting terror of disease and a future which he believed promised only suffering, Martin Costello, worth five million dollars, is dead at a local hotel. He committed suicide. His money was made in copper. After having lunch with his wife and children at their magnificent home he went to a hotel without saying good-bye and killed himself.

Negro to Be Host of Whole Town.

Massilon, O., Sept. 15.—In celebration of the 48th anniversary of his release from slavery, Gilbert Porter, one of the best known negroes in Start county, has arranged to give a monster barbecue tomorrow and Monday, to which he has invited all the people of Massilon and vicinity. Several oxen, a dozen sheep and pigs and countless chickens will be roasted to furnish free dinners to the crowd.

Food Famine Fierce.

London, Sept. 16.—Following the receipt of dispatches from foreign offices a statement was issued here today that the food famine in the Cheng Tu province threatens to start a revolt among the troops who are now fighting desperately against hordes of desperate rebels.

PINCHOT MAY CHANGE OPINION

SPEECH AT SEWARD INDICATES TURN OF OPINION.

Believes Alaska a Great Country for Many Pursuits.

Seward, Alaska, Sept 16.—In an address here last night Gifford Pinchot said his views of Alaska were greatly modified to what they had formerly been. He admitted that he was amazed at the agricultural possibilities of the Matanuska valley and expressed his belief that it offers great opportunities to the farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Pinchot reserved the right to express himself later concerning the matter of solving the coal problem but declare he was strongly opposed to monopolistic control. He said today for Cordova.