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RECIPROCITY MADE A PARTY ISSUE AND PRESIDENT TAFT REFUSES RESPONSIBILITY

HURLS THRUST AT MR. CLARK

"HIT BETWEEN THE EYES, SITS VERY STILL."

IF PEOPLE LIKE HIM ALL RIGHT; IF NOT, ALL RIGHT

Disputing Champ Clark's theories and asserting it is a party issue, President Taft explains own position on reciprocity status at this time—goes to football game today.

St. Louis, Sept. 23.—President Taft began his western campaign making three speeches here today. He will accept the responsibility for everything connected with the official acts of his administration it is said, by taking the attitude that the people can reprobate him if they don't like him.

He autographed and attended a football game at the St. Louis university grounds this afternoon. Champ Clark and Pres. Taft were in the same railroad station but they didn't meet, Taft leaving and Clark boarding the train.

"When a decision hits me between the eyes the only thing to do is to sit still," this is President Taft's summary today of how he feels over the reciprocity treaty's fate, and expressed at the breakfast of the Mercantile club. He said: "I am sorry to announce that my reciprocity policy is not going through. I observe that the distinguished speaker of the house is engaged in discussing who is responsible. Well, I am content with Canada's decision and I don't suppose there is any difference who is responsible."

"I had hopes of carrying the reciprocity agreement and I am convinced that it would have been a benefit to both countries. But a majority of the electors in both countries do not coincide with my views. All I can say now is that it is a party issue, except in so far as making me responsible, for putting through something which did not pass is concerned."

Berlin Composer Coming to America.

Berlin, Sept. 23.—Victor Hollander, whose recent work has earned for him the reputation of being Berlin's most popular operetta composer, called for New York today on his first visit to America. Herr Hollander is under contract with George W. Lederer to write a number of operettas with American themes, the first of which he is hoped to have ready for production by next spring.

Trust Company Closed.

New York, Sept. 23.—A failure was created in financial circles here today by the announcement that the Carnegie Safe Deposit company had been taken charge of by the state superintendent of banks, George Va. Tuyl.

ELGIN DOCTOR BADLY HURT

Dr. E. G. Kirby has given his physicians encouragement in their theory that he will be able to recover from his injuries sustained yesterday evening near Elgin, without loss of his left foot, yet it will be impossible to finally ascertain this important fact before the elapse of four or five days. An announcement by Dr. N. Mollitor who has charge of the case now, issued this afternoon, says the Elgin doctor is resting quite easily and as satisfactorily as could be expected.

Dr. Kirby was injured in a fall from his buggy yesterday afternoon when he was returning from La Grande where he and Dr. Mollitor had operated upon an Elgin patient, Mr. Abbott, the night before. When within a half mile of Elgin on his return, one of his horses fell, drawing its mate over with him. In the melee, the doctor hurried

OLGA D. VENINO.

Orange (N. J.) Girl Chosen as Queen of Asbury Park Carnival.



LEATHER KING DIES IN FALL

EITHER THROWN OR FALLS FROM HOTEL WINDOW.

Federal Authorities Try to Unravel Mystery of the Affair.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—A determined effort is being made today by the federal and local agents to ascertain whether the charges that W. Allen, of Kenosha, Wis., said to be worth \$5,000,000 and the founder of the leather trust, committed suicide, died accidentally, or was slain in his fall from a fourth story window of the Palmer house.

No one witnessed the fall. An unconfirmed rumor says that enemies threw him out. Federal agents are on the job, because Allen was active in aiding his brother Nathan, who is indicted on a charge of participation in a big smuggling case.

Artist Conant 90 Years Old.

New York, Sept. 23.—Alban Jasper Conant, the well known artist, will celebrate his ninetieth birthday anniversary tomorrow. Mr. Conant, who is best known for his portrait of Abraham Lincoln was born in Chelsea Vt., Sept. 24, 1821. For a number of years early in his career he was curator of the University of Missouri. Despite his ninety years the venerable artist may be seen at work almost any day in his studio in West Tenth street.

FAIR DRAWING TO A CLOSE

LAST DAY MARKED BY EXCELLENT PROGRAM.

TONIGHT MARKS FINISH OF FIRST GRANGE FAIR

Day Taken up With Speeches, Solos, Music and Dinner That Pleases Attendees Well—W. M. Pierce One of Principal Speakers Today, Using Taxation as Topic.

Riverside Grange Hall, Fruitdale, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Riverside Grange continued its second day's exhibits today with a large attendance of neighboring farmers and city folks. Many of the latter doubtless were attracted by the savory lunches in the immense dinner that was served. Attorney C. H. Finn spoke on "The Grange and Its Work" and Miss Miller of the Cove gave a piano selection after which C. D. Huffman addressed the meeting on the importance of home improvement. Then came a dinner.

After dinner was a recitation by Mrs. Wilkerson and another by Miss Zoe Golden. Mrs. J. W. McAllister read a paper and Hon. Walter M. Pierce made one of his characteristic speeches on "The Power of Taxation and Its Abuses." May Carter of Cove gave a reading as also did Reba Williamson. Last evening heard an excellent address of welcome by R. A. Wilkerson, master of the grange and Mr. C. E. Norris gave a response in warm words. Mrs. Wilkerson gave an instrumental rendition and Miss Kate Gekeler recited a comic selection. J. W. McAllister and Mr. Norris gave the principal addresses of the evening and Mrs. Blood and her niece and Miss Nell Young rendered pleasing music.

Tonight the grange fair ends and it is now certain the event will become annual in its character, because of the success of the first one.

Celebrate Railroad Opening.

Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 23.—This has been a red letter day in the history of Aberdeen and all the surrounding country. In honor of the completion of the new \$200,000 bridge of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company across the Chehalis river an all day celebration was held and Aberdeen was filled with visitors from far and near. Commercial delegations came by special train from Portland, Seattle and Tacoma to attend the celebration.

The completion of the bridge across the Chehalis means much to this entire section, from the view point of commerce and industry, for it marks the inauguration of railroad communication with the outer world. The bridge will be used by both the Harriman and the St. Paul roads as a part of the new lines just completed to afford communication for Aberdeen, the largest timber center in the United States, the port of Gray's Harbor and several other thriving cities and towns in this section.

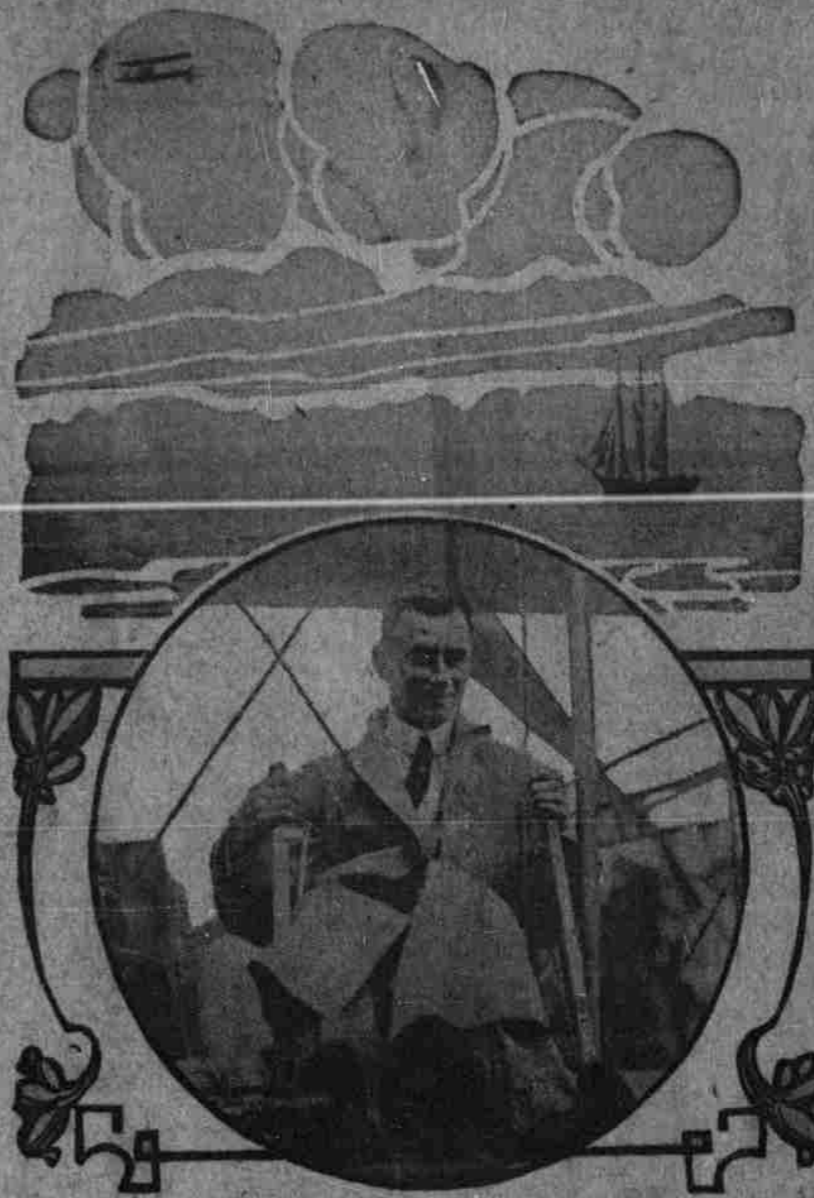
"Bloody Breathitt" Wants Order.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 23.—Tired of the reign of lawlessness that has existed almost continuously for many years and has made "Bloody Breathitt" a by-word the country over, the citizens of Elkton, one of the towns of Breathitt county, joined in a mass meeting today to discuss plans to restore law and order throughout that section. The meeting was preliminary to a county-wide conference of the same nature which is to be held at Jackson, the county seat, early in October.

PRIMARY IS ENDED.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—The hot-test municipal primary campaign in years closes tonight, and the election is held Tuesday. The betting is two to one that James Rolph will defeat Mayor McCarthy, the labor union nominee for mayor.

What One Daring Young Aviator Accomplished in Four Months



Photos by American Press Association.

HARRY NELSON ATWOOD of Boston, twenty-seven years old, has been crowned king of all aviators because of his wonderful achievements in the art of aviation. His success is the more remarkable from the fact that it was only on last Memorial day that he made his initial flight. His record of four months not only does credit to the young man, but opens amazing possibilities to the imagination. On June 30 he made a flight from Boston to New London, Conn., carrying his mechanic as a passenger. The next day he flew to New York. On July 3 he flew to Atlantic City on his way to Washington, arriving at the latter city on July 13. On Aug. 14 he started from St. Louis and arrived at New York on Aug. 25. With these laurels Atwood may conclude to retire from the flying game. He realizes that the art has not yet been perfected to the point of safety to aviators and admits that he is seriously considering quitting before he "gets his." In the illustration Atwood is shown flying down the Hudson river and again just as he landed at Governors Island.

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STRIKE CLOUD DARKENS AGAIN

WORD FROM BOILER MAKERS SHOW UNREST

SHOPMEN NOT SURPRISED IF STRIKE COMES NOW

Men Are Ready to Walk Out at a Moment's Notice, Following Receipt of Code Telegram from the East Where Machinists Are in Contention—San Francisco, Sept. 23, (Special).

Los Angeles, Sept. 23.—Officials of the boiler makers' union today received a code telegram from J. H. Franklin, president of the union (telling them that the strike on the Harriman lines may be called at any moment.

The shopmen here are ready to walk out and take up this division. Franklin is at Davenport, Iowa, attending a convention of the machinists.

Shopmen Not Surprised.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Regin, the president of the shopmen, said he wasn't surprised at the Los Angeles wire regarding the strike and said the shopmen are all ready to walk out the moment the strike order comes.

Valuations Surmise.

Southern Pacific Officials File Estimate Lower Than Expected.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—An official railroad estimate giving the value of the Southern Pacific between Los Angeles and San Francisco as \$238,000,000, was filed today with the state railroad commission. This is within ten per cent of the correct figures but is not final.

The commissioners expected an estimate of \$190,000,000. The valuation was requested to guide the commission in adjusting the rates that will make a reasonable return on the investment. With a higher valuation, higher rates would be necessary.

Assassin to Hang.

Stolyin's Death to Be Avenged by Hanging of the Murderer.

Kief, Russia, Sept. 23.—Announcement was made today that Stolyin's assassin, Bogrof, has been court martialled and sentenced to hang. Kokovoff, the Russian minister of finance, has assumed the premiership. Stolyin's funeral was held yesterday.

Lecture Tuesday Evening.

Assistant State Librarian Will Lecture in Lecture in La Grande Next Week.

Miss Kennedy, assistant state librarian, will deliver a lecture at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock on the subject of "Proper Books for Children to Read." The lectures will be free and everybody is cordially invited to attend. She carries with her a large collection of beautifully illustrated books. But she has no books for sale. She is sent here by the state to show the people what there is in the line of good literature for the young.

Infractions Baffles on View.

New York, Sept. 23.—To refute the arguments of the anti-suffragists do not give to the commonwealth the due number of babies, and do not care as much as they should for the food and housing of the grown members of society, the Women Suffrage party of this city has installed a baby show and a pure food booth at the domestic science and pure food exhibition, which opened in Madison Square garden this afternoon and will continue until October 1. The proceeds derived from the suffrage exhibit will go toward a \$100,000 fund that is being raised for political work.

Retirement of Admiral Harber.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—By operation of the age limit Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber will be placed on the retired list of the navy tomorrow. Admiral Harber comes from Ohio and was appointed to the naval academy soon after the close of the civil war. He commanded the Jeanette search expedition to the Arctic in the early '80s, and was on the battleship Texas in the war with Spain. In the famous world cruise of the Atlantic fleet he commanded the battleship Maine and later he was placed in command of the Asiatic station.