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OPENING OF CANAL MAY BE DELAYED

PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS IS NOT ENCOURAGING

ENGINEERS CAN FINISH WORK SOON

Question Of Tolls Is Causing Much Trouble And It Is Feared Will Not Be Settled In Time For Opening

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Unless Congress at this session provides for the operation of the Panama Canal, President Taft and Secretary Stimson believe it will be virtually impossible for the Army engineers to keep their promise to open the big ditch to the ships of the world next year.

According to information brought to the White House today, the prospect of action at this session is growing dimmer.

Mr. Stimson was understood to believe there is little contention over the proposed administration and operation of the canal, but the questions of tolls and of railroad-owned steamships have stirred up controversy in both Houses and today neither the President nor his Secretary of War was hopeful of settling it.

The Panama bill was put aside again in the Senate today after Senator Brandegee, who is guiding it, said that adjournment probably would be hastened if it were considered in the Senate while the Postoffice bill was in conference, but the only ray of comfort that fringed through to the White House was the news that Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the House committee on interstate commerce, was considering the introduction of a joint resolution providing for the machinery of administration and operation of the canal. Mr. Adamson was understood to be ready to bring in such a resolution whenever it becomes apparent there is no chance for a compromise.

President Taft was much concerned today over the prospect of a delay in the opening of the canal.

In many speeches he has predicted that the Atlantic and the Pacific would be joined at Panama in 1913, and at one time the President believed he would be able to steam through the canal on the old battleship Oregon, when the formal opening was celebrated, during his present term in the White House.

When he broke ground at San Francisco last October for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, he practically promised the people of the country to have the canal ready next year; spoke of the Oregon as the ship that should first cleave its waters and made it clear that he would like to be on her bridge when the trip began.

So far the President has refused to write a special message to Congress on the subject of the canal.

It was said tonight, however, he might send in a special message.

REBEL MEXICAN LEADER SPURNS U. S. GOVERNMENT

JUAREZ, Mex., July 31.—General Pascual Orozco, commander-in-chief of the Mexican rebels, late today coolly declared that he did not recognize the United States Government. He made the remark to Thomas Edwards, American Consul here, who called on the rebel leader's quarters to deliver a message from Secretary of State Knox.

The message from Washington concerned the treatment of the American settlers in Northern Mexico by the rebels, growing out of the disarming of the Mormon colonists last week.

General Orozco told General Edwards that he did not recognize the American as a representative of the United States, which Government, Orozco said, he did not recognize. However, he was glad to see Mr. Edwards, he said, and to receive him as an American citizen. Orozco accepted the message from the American Consul without further comment. Edwards then left the room.

3 KILLED IN WRECK

PUEBLO, Colo., July 31.—The death list in the wreck of the Chicago-bound Rock Island train here last night was increased to three today, when investigation was made by the wrecking crews.

The bodies have not been recovered from the Fountain River.

James Duncan, the colored porter, reported as among the dead, was rescued this morning after being pinned in one of the cars for about 10 hours, when he managed to crawl to the top of it.

TRAPPED ON SPAN, HE FALLS TO DEATH

CHINAMAN CLINGS DESPERATELY TO TIE AS TRAIN PASSES OVER HIM

FRIENDS WITNESS FATAL PLUNGE

Hop Yard Worker Had Been Warned By Brakeman Of Danger—Skull Crushed And Leg Broken

Joe Gee, a Chinaman, was instantly killed in a fall from a trestle, which is the approach to the bridge that crosses the Clackamas River, near Wilsonville, Tuesday night. The man had walked several hundred feet on the trestle when he was started by a train approaching from the rear. He did not have time to cross to the other side of the river and he could not go back. Several men beneath realized the Chinaman's predicament. Suddenly Gee lowered himself at the end of a tie clinging to the timber desperately. The train rattled over him and about half of it had passed when he released his hold and fell sixty-five feet, his head striking a timber during the descent. His skull was crushed, and his left leg was broken. Death was instantaneous.

Gee was employed at the hop yard of A. C. Muecke, and Oh Kee, superintendent of the yard, was one of the witnesses of the fatal plunge. A freight train passed just before Gee started to cross the trestle and a brakeman warned him that there was another train close behind. The Chinaman, however, paid no attention to the warning. It is said that he had been drinking. He evidently was unfamiliar with the trestle for it is said he could have saved himself by climbing to supporting timbers. Coroner Wilson viewed the body Wednesday night and had it brought to this city. Gee has wealthy relatives in Portland who will come for the body today. The man was sixty-five years of age and had been in this country many years.

NURSE UNCONSCIOUS WHEN TOSSED IN CREEK

SATSKILL, N. Y., July 31.—That Miss Dorcas J. Snodgrass, the Mount Vernon nurse, whose body was found in Catskill creek, after she had been mysteriously missing for several days may have been the victim of foul play, was indicated here today in a report returned by Dr. Rooney of Albany, who made a post mortem examination.

Although Dr. Rooney admits that death was due to drowning, he maintains that the shallowness of the water in which the body was found proves that Miss Snodgrass was unconscious and inert when placed in the creek.

District Attorney Wilbur ordered a thorough investigation of the case today and startling developments are expected. The body was sent to Mount Vernon today for burial.

Miss Snodgrass disappeared from her home on the day she was to leave for Oakland, Cal., where her brother-in-law is superintendent of construction of a trolley line.

INDIAN ATHLETE PRAISED BY TAFT

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Warm praise of James Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian who rolled up more individual points than any other athlete at the Stockholm Olympiad, is expressed by President Taft in a letter to Thorpe. The letter, made public today, says: "I have much pleasure in congratulating you on account of your noteworthy victory at the Olympic games in Stockholm. Your performance was one of which you may well be proud. You have set a high standard of physical development which is only attained by right living and right thinking, and your victory will serve as an incentive to all to improve those fine qualities which characterize the best types of American citizen. It is my earnest wish that the future will bring you success in your chosen field of endeavor."

THE OUTLET

PERPETRATED BY WALT McDUGALL



POWELL SUFFERS FROM FIGHT INJURY

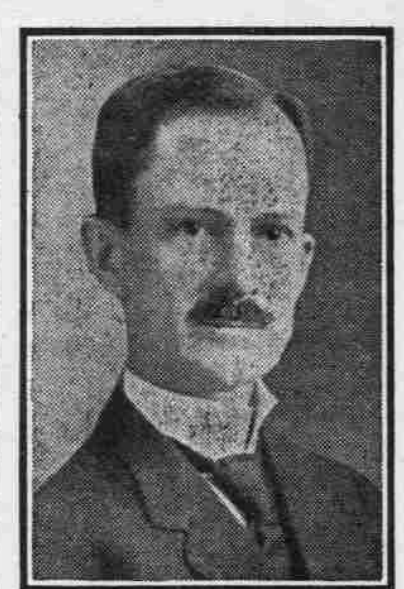
Cyrus Powell, the real estate dealer, who engaged in an altercation with S. Stewart, also in the real estate business, on Main street near Sixth Tuesday, is suffering from a bruised and sprained leg. Mr. Powell said Wednesday that the attack was unprovoked, and he would see the case to a finish.

WEST AUTHORIZES TRIAL OF GUARDSMEN

PORTLAND, July 23, (Special).—Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, of the Oregon National Guard today received the authorization of the governor for holding a courtmartial to try Major R. O. Scott, Captains H. E. Williams and Walter L. Tope and Lieutenant Richard Deich and H. C. Brant. The state stated that he will appoint the officers of the court as soon as the charges are formally placed in his hands.

ESTATE OF WOMAN VICTIM OF TRAIN GETS \$500

County Judge Beatie Wednesday appointed Harry F. Gordon administrator of the estate of Mrs. W. J. Gordon who was killed by a train near here in Canby several months ago. The Southern Pacific Railway Company allowed the estate \$500.



Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania. Foremost advocate of the inland waterway projects which the Government is considering.

WIFE, SING, SAYS HUSBAND STRUCK HER

Rose Majewski, of Portland, Wednesday filed suit for a divorce against Martin Majewski, charging cruel treatment. The plaintiff alleges that her husband struck her July 18, 1912. She says she had to work two years in order to earn her own living. They were married in Vancouver, Wash., November 2, 1905.

INGRATE SQUIRREL DEVOURS YOUNG ROBIN

A tragedy occurred a few days ago in the yard of John Lewthwaite, superintendent of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company. A squirrel ate a young robin. The squirrel's life had been saved several times by the family of Mr. Lewthwaite from the cat "Peter," and had been given the name of "Theodosius," having become a pet of the household. A few days ago several robins were hatched in a nest a few feet from the veranda, and careful watch had been taken that the cat should not molest the young birds. To the horror of one of the young women "Theodosius" Monday afternoon climbed the tree seized one of the robins and disappeared. The young woman gave chase, but her efforts were in vain for the bird and squirrel did not appear again. "Theodosius" will be given a cool reception when he appears again.

FIGHT AGAINST COUNTY DIVISION PLANNED

The Publicity Committee of the Commercial Club of Oregon City is continuing its good work. While the protest against County Division has been regularly filed, the committee of business men is not resting on its oars, by any means. The plan now is to raise a fund of at least \$5,000 for this purpose alone and from the work already done, there seems no doubt that this amount will be obtained. The committee insists the county is in no position for division; that there is only enough income for one management; that the officials are capable men and that the majority of the residents of the county are against the plan. The committee argues that more political jobs are not needed, and with the Publicity Committee at the head of the fight together with funds with which to fight the voters of the state will be fully informed of the situation. Only a misunderstanding on the part of the voters at large, it is declared, can defeat the anti-division movement and it is not the intent of the committee in charge that such shall be the case.

UNCLE JOE MAY ATTEND CEREMONY WITHOUT COAT

WASHINGTON, July 31.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, wearing a thin pongee silk suit and a gray hat, hurried out of the White House executive offices today after a few minutes conversation with Assistant Secretary Foster.

TO HONOR MEMORY OF CAREY JOHNSON

Services in honor of the memory of the late Carey Johnson, who died in Portland, will be held at the Baptist church in this city Thursday evening. Mr. Johnson practiced law in Oregon City many years and was a member of the church fifty-eight years. Addresses will be made by Rev. S. P. Davis, who was pastor of the church for several years while Mr. Johnson was a member, and H. E. Cross and D. C. Latourette, lawyers who were closely associated with Mr. Johnson. The services will be held in connection with the usual prayer-meeting services.

CHESTER ELLIOTT SELLS AUTO ESTABLISHMENT

Chester Elliott has sold his automobile establishment to Henry Hughes of Elvener Creek, and a Portland man. The place will be operated as usual. Mr. Elliott will continue his residence in this city.

CROSSING BEING WIDENED BY R. R.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC KEEPS PROMISE TO REMOVE DANGER NEAR GLADSTONE

CHIEF ENGINEER INSPECTED PLACE

Improvement Result Of Efforts Of Clackamas County Automobile Club And County

The work of filling and widening the County road at the dangerous railroad crossing between Oregon City and Gladstone was commenced Wednesday by the Southern Pacific work trains being on the site with many cars of gravel. It is the company's intention to make the road twenty-five feet wider at this point, recognizing that through its error when the track was elevated many serious accidents have occurred and that it is not now too late to make amends. Chief Engineer Blood visited the site three weeks ago with County Judge Beatie, M. D. Latourette, Charles Risley, and other members of the Clackamas County Automobile Club, and a representative of this paper, promising at that time to commence the work at the earliest possible date.

With this dangerous crossing eliminated, those using the County roads between the points mentioned can feel more secure from accident. At the same time, further improvement should be made in the nature of crossing signs and automatic bells notifying travelers of approaching trains.

The railway company expects to complete the work in a few days. The crossing was the most dangerous in Clackamas county.

GOV. WILSON DENIES NEW YORK CLUB STORY

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 31.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, Democratic presidential nominee, today ridiculed reports that he had applied for membership in the Manhattan club of New York city, and withdrew his name when he learned that friend of James Smith Jr. planned to blacklist his application. Wilson denied that he had applied for membership.

Smith and Wilson are bitter political enemies. Smith never having forgiven Wilson for his efforts in behalf of Senator Martine when Smith was a candidate for the senatorial nomination. Smith attributed his defeat to Wilson's activities.

It is reported here today that Governor Wilson favors two vice chairmen of the national Democratic committee, and that William McAdoo of New York and Senator Gore of Oklahoma would be named. All arrangements were completed today for the ceremonies to be conducted when Governor Wilson is officially notified of his nomination by the Democratic convention.

TAFT TO VISIT MEXICO

WASHINGTON, July 31.—President Taft is expected to visit Mexico next year, according to reports from the State Department.

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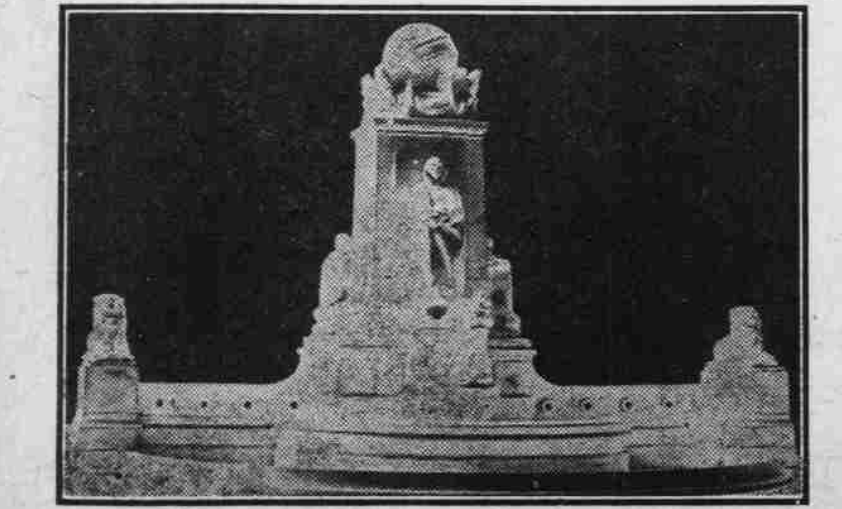
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