

TAFT OFF TODAY FOR CANAL ZONE

Trip Ends Feb. 13 at New Orleans.

MEETS KNOX AND HITCHCOCK

President-elect Tells Nothing of Conference.

PLEA FOR WILSON MADE

Committee From Farmers' Union of South Carolina Asks Reappointment for Secretary of Agriculture.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 24.—(Special)—President-elect Taft and wife and many newspaper correspondents...

Mr. Taft and his immediate party will sail on the North Carolina and the others will go on the Montana...

Plea for Wilson Received.

A rather unusual incident of the day was the appearance before Mr. Taft by a group of expert engineers and other distinguished friends...

Mr. Taft had no statement to make tonight regarding the conference which he held here today with Senator Knox and Mr. Hitchcock...

Serenaded by Negroes.

The President-elect declared tonight that he had found every moment of his stay in Charleston delightful...

Sees How Tea Grows.

The party was then brought back toward the city, taking a special train and being conveyed to Summerville...

LIGHTSHIPS REACH COAST

Flotilla Arrives at Bay City 125 Days Off From New York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Weather-beaten and stained by the stormy many seas, the lightship flotilla sailed into port today...

IMPRESARIO FIGHTS WITH REPORTERS

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN KNOCKED DOWN IN COURTROOM.

Trouble Arising Over Criticisms of Mary Garden Episode Leads to Fisticuffs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Physical encounters between newspaper reporters and Oscar Hammerstein...

YEAR'S YIELD \$86,138,000

Rapid Increase in Canada's Mineral Output in Recent Years.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—One of the most important and interesting departmental reports ever issued from the government offices...

BEN HUR TRAIN DERAILED

Engine Hits Freight at Castle Rock, Badly Smashing Boxcar.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special)—A special train carrying the Ben Hur company from Portland to Seattle, crashed into freight train No. 65...

NORThLAND IS DERELICT

Failure of Coal Supply Puts Vessel at Mercy of Sea.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 24.—The American steamer Northland, in service between Alaska and Puget Sound ports, is tonight reported a derelict by reason of exhausted coal supply...

JAPAN KEEPS HER PEOPLE IN ORIENT

Definite Announcement of Policy Made.

EMIGRATION IS DISCOURAGED

Continued Friendly Relations With America Desired.

POLICY WILL TAKE TIME

Patience Asked Until Problem of Surplus Population Is Thoroughly Worked Out—Frank Statement Made to Loomis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Margus Katsura, Prime Minister of Japan, and Count Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs...

"I was deeply and agreeably impressed," said Mr. Loomis tonight, "with the direct, explicit and what seemed to me satisfactory statement of Count Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs..."

Emigration Is Discouraged.

"In the matter of emigration of Japanese laborers," said Count Komura, "we are doing our utmost to work in harmony with the government of the United States and to meet its wishes..."

Wants Time for Policy.

Count Komura then made it very plain that while his government would not fail effectively to restrict emigration and while it would spare no just and proper efforts to maintain the most cordial and friendly relations with this country...

SHOW SIN BRINGS SICKNESS IS PLAN

CALDWELL MINISTER UNDER-TAKES BIG WORK.

Will Try to Obtain 10,000 Experience Reports From Persons Incurably Afflicted.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 24.—(Special)—To demonstrate anew the truth of the Apostle Paul's saying, "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap..."

UTAH MAY BE MADE DRY

Drastic Prohibition Law Presented for Action by Legislature.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 24.—Prohibition that shall be state wide and absolute is the intent of a bill introduced in the lower branch of Utah's Legislature yesterday...

LABOR LEADER OBNOXIOUS

Copper Mines Close Because of Walking Delegate.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 24.—Assessing as a reason the objectionable acts of a walking delegate, four of the largest copper producing properties in Arizona...

STEAMER'S TRIP PERILOUS

Centralia Encounters Gale and High Seas Off Mendocino.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 24.—The steamer Centralia, Captain Erickson, which arrived this morning from Grays Harbor, via San Francisco...

WAGON GONG STARTS PANIC

Excitement at Religious Meeting Alayed by Choir's Singing.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—Many women fainted today during a panic in the Coliseum, which held 14,000 persons listening to Gypsy Smith, an evangelist...

CALIFORNIA IS TO LOSE RACE GAME

Pool Sellers Struck by Consternation.

BREEDING FARMS WILL SUFFER

Great Industry of State Will Get Tremendous Blow.

PASSAGE THOUGHT CERTAIN

Bill to Come Up in Senate Wednesday—Trackmen Allowed 60 Days and Measure Will Not Go Into Effect Before Spring.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—That racing in the State of California is doomed and that the present season at the famous Emeryville and Santa Anita courses will mark the passing of the "sport of kings..."

BOXER KILLS HIS FRIEND

Friendly Bout Between Cavalrymen Has Fatal Consequences.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 24.—A preliminary boxing bout, in which Teddy Flek and Mickey Wilson were principals, was fought last night at the Barracks Gymnasium here...

TWO THROWN INTO WATER

Doctor and His Wife Rescued From Swollen Stream.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Colfax, Wash., were thrown into six feet of water in Willow Creek Saturday and were rescued from drowning by George Camp...

ANNOUNCE TOKIO POLICY

Count Komura Prepares Important Speech for Japanese Diet.

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—Count Jutaro Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is expected to deliver an important speech before the Diet in a few days, when it is understood he will expound the government's policy on emigration...

BEEHIVE IN LIVING ROCK

Use of Dynamite Brings to Light Rich Store of Honey.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 24.—(Special)—A beehive in the solid rock of the bluffs near Boise River bridge was the unusual discovery made by three Caldwell men yesterday...

EX-GOVERNOR TO WED PETITIONER

BLANCHARD OF LOUISIANA WILL MARRY CHARLOTTE TRACY.

Young Woman Asked Him Not to Commute Death Sentence of Negro Who Killed Brother.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 24.—(Special)—The announcement from Baton Rouge was received that ex-Governor Newton C. Blanchard will soon be married to Miss Charlotte Gertrude Tracy...

ICE JAM WRECKS BRIDGE

Slides Delay Traffic on Elgin Branch for Two Days.

M'ALLISTER, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special)—The uncompleted Baines bridge across the mouth of the Willamette River was swept away Wednesday afternoon by the ice gorge which broke up following the Chicago snow this week...

HOPKINS PINS HOPE ON 13TH BALLOT

Figures He Will Win on Tuesday.

FOUR MORE VOTES PLEDGED

Promise of Chicago Patronage Holds Members in Line.

FOSS IS ACTIVELY IN RACE

Congressman Goes to Springfield to Make Hard Fight for Toga. Hopkins' Friends Assert He Has 95 Votes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Albert J. Hopkins hopes to secure his re-election to the United States Senate in the Illinois Legislature next Tuesday on the 13th ballot...

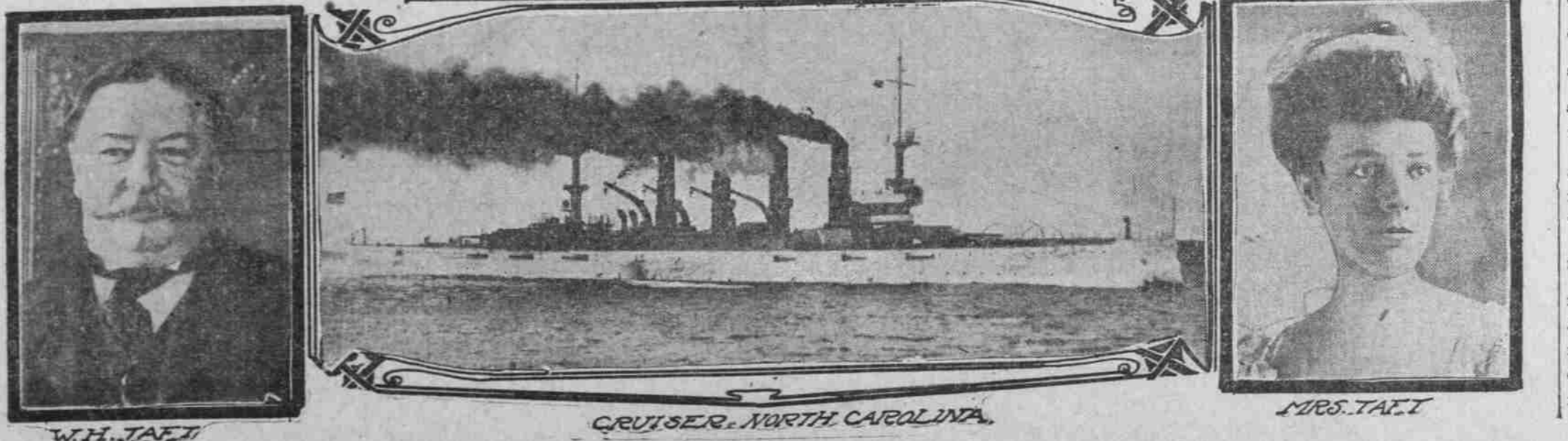
Chicago Patronage Gets Votes.

In Chicago and Cook County the Hopkins men are using all the pressure of Federal, county and city patronage they can command...

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THE WEATHER. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 43 degrees; minimum, 27. TODAY'S—Rain or snow; east to south winds. Legislatures. Lively row expected in California Legislature this week over Japanese issue. Record of work in Oregon Legislature. Missouri Legislature to investigate State Land Office scandal. National. Governor Magoon asks removal of Maine wreck, saying it is disagree to Nation. Secretary Garfield asks \$1,000,000 to prosecute in death of Jewess found on St. Louis preacher's porch. Ex-Governor Blanchard, of Louisiana, to marry girl who asked vengeance. Suicide of alleged Oklahoma land-fraud operator is feared. Sports. McManus, of Montreal, will catch for Portland's Northwest team and Beauville. Pacific Northwest. Governor-elect Taft's trip starts for Oregon. Oregon will need new tax law if present ratio in apportionment is unconstitutional. Steamer, Nicomedes, arrives at Astoria, bringing details of loss of Captain Wagemann. Survivors of British Columbia sea disaster brought safely to shore. Ex-Judge Gordon believes he will not go to trial. Industrial. Oregon wastes being turned into profitable farms. Baker City completes great building operation in 1909. Littlehampton interests unite in asking money for Jetty. Portland and Vicinity. Mr. C. H. Davison disappears and is believed to have committed suicide. Homicides in Oregon decrease in 1908 and conviction increases. Judge Harry W. Hogue weds Mrs. A. S. Norton in San Francisco. Portland Blue Club excursion to meeting of Grand Lodge in Los Angeles. Consultation of German-speaking societies holds first annual convention. Dr. Brougher will organize band to live as Jesus would.

PRESIDENT-ELECT AND HIS WIFE AND WARSHIP ON WHICH THEY ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK FOR PANAMA



W.H. TAFT

CRUISER NORTH CAROLINA

MRS. TAFT