

Taft Suggests Changes in Constitution.

NEEDED TO EFFECT REFORMS

Criminal Law Also Should Be Better Administered.

GOOD WORD FOR CANADA

President Makes Significant Speech at Plattsmouth, Giving to Canada Praise as Great and Rising People.

PLATTSMOUTH, N. Y., July 7 .- Enlargement of the Federal power was suggested as a change in the Federal constitution which will become necessar in a speech delivered by President Taft tonight at a banquet which formed part of the programme of the tercentenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain. He also expressed the opinion that reform of the administration of the criminal law and conservation of natural resources were vital questions.

New York State's share in the celebration reached its climax today. Tomorrow the scenes of pageantry, the parades, the speechmaking, the interchange of compliments among France, Great Britain and the United States, who shared in the history making of the Champlain country, will be transferred across the lake to Vermont, and Burlington will have its fling.

President Taft, Ambassadors Jusserand and Bryce, with Governor Hughes and Governor Prouty again today occupied the center of the stage. Senator Root was added to the prominent guests today and delivered an historical oration at Plattsburg Barracks. Postmaster General Rodolfe Lemicux, of Canada, also spoke at the Barracks, and, with Root, the French Ambassador spoke again tonight at the banquet, where the expressions of friendly good will among the three great nations participating in the tercentenary were em phastred. Mr. Jusserand said:

"The spirit and all that was best in Champlain lives again in President Taft and there is a people in a distant archipelago who know it and feel it and who for centuries will bless his name,

Canada Receives Honors.

Canada had a large share in today's celebration and on the American millitary reservation at Plattsburg barracks this afternoon the President and the other guests witnessed a parade of American and Canadian troops. An Ottawa regiment of Highlanders in scar let coats and kilts and another regiment, the Governor-General's footguards, also from Ottawa, in uniforms of almost equal brilliancy participated.

At the ceremonies at Plattsburg barracks Mr. Hughes spoke first and was followed in turn by Mr. Prouty, Mr. Jusserand, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Root and Mr. Taft. Mr. Taft said:

"I am delighted to say that for 16 years I have spent most of my Summers in Canada and I have learned that north us is a great and rising people, a people bound to be prosperous, bound to be great, and whose prosperity and great enough not to be jealous of, but to welcome.

Most Conservative Nation.

At the banquet tonight Mr. Taft, speaking to the toast, "The United States," declared that the United States constituted the most conservative nation in the

"For," he continued, "we have the longest experience in self-government." The President expressed the thanks of the American people to Canada for naving sent her troops to take part in Champlain celebration and pointed out the spirit of amity that made possible the spectacle of the troops of the two great nations marching in parade under

Strengthen Bond of Union.

The President said that while he believed an enlargement of central authority might be necessary he had an abiding faith in the Constitution and in the indestructible union of indestructible states. The President said in part:

The foreign affairs of the United States are committed to the central that the selection of an old-line Demo-Government, but the State of New York and the State of Vermont have in this instance taken a step that will prove and is proving most important in our foreign relations. They have strengthened the United States and Great Britaln, the United States and France and the United States and Canada.

"And now to the subject that has been assigned me-the United States, I think it is not too much to say that those who have studied our country, our civilization, our Constitution and our people will reach the conclusion that there is no country in the world more conservative than the Government of the United States. I note the changes that are taking place in government; in view of the new doctrines that are being advanced of a socialistic character, I think that is one of the most important things to emphasize with reference to the United States.

"I do not mean to say that we are not (Concluded on Page 8.)

SERPENT CARRIES STINGER IN TAIL

SNAKE OF UNKNOWN SPECIES CAUGHT IN PORTLAND.

Reptile Equipped Both Fore and Aft to Repel Enemies - Owner Wants Creature Classified.

A specimen of what is believed to be in unknown species of the snake family, locally at any rate, was captured on Gregory Heights yesterday by E. England, a member of a construction gang employed by the Home Telephone Company. The reptile is about 18 inches ong and is not to exceed two inches in circumference. In color its back is of a dusty light olive shade, while its stomach is bright yellow. Its head is small and out of all proportions to the body. In a way the snake somewhat resembles the blue racer or copperhead, although it plainly does not belong to either of these species.

The reptile apparently is doubly quipped for repelling its enemies. In ddition to being provided with fangs in its head, common with the snake family, there is concealed in its tail a fang-like appendage about half an inch in length, resembling a mosquito's bill, which shoots out from its hiding place whenever its owner is disturbed. This curious specimen is exceedingly snail-like in its movements.

While snakes are not plentiful in this state, Mr. England formerly lived n the East, where he became acquainted with many species of reptiles, but he is doubtful if the specimen he captured yesterday is related to any of the species of which he has a knowledgre. Mr. England has taken the strange specimen to his home, 334 Park street, where he will be glad to have the assistance of snake experts in identifying it.

MYERS TO LOSE POSITION

Baptist Pastor to Pay Dear for Criticism of Chicago University.

CHICAGO, July 7. - (Special.) - Rev. Johnston Myers, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, will pay for his attack on the members of the University of Chicago's faculty by retirement from the trusfeeship of the divinity department of the university. This has been practically lecided upon by the university officials. According to Dean Albion W. Small, acting president of the university during the absence of President Harry Pratt Judson, Rev Mr. Myers' term as trustee will expire within the present year, and he will be quietly retired.

This was decided upon as the best poltey. The university officials, he said, did not wish to embarrass Dr. Myers by calling a special meeting of the trustees

Dr. Myers aroused a storm of indignation by declaring that atheism and immorality were taught in the Midway school. He said that the faculty members were lax in their morals, and that there was no co-operation between them

WIZARD WILL TRY RADIUM

Harriman Going to Gastein to Seek Health in New Mineral Baths.

VIENNA, July 7 .- (Special.)-Friends of Edward H. Harriman, the railroad magnate who have returned from Semmering. report that his health is much improved by his stay in the mountains, and that he is suffering only from rheumatism, which causes him to walk stiffly. He drives, walks and passes considerable time outdoors every day.

He goes to Gastein Saturday, a few days earlier than had previously been greatness I know that Americans are arranged. Physicians promise the millionaire great benefit from the wonderful thermal springs there which recently were found to contain considerable radium. The baths are said to be especially efficacious for rheumatism and nervous disorders. Gastein is crowded with fashionable visitors, including many Americans and English.

WRIGHT AS SUPREME JUDGE

Taft to Appoint Democrat When Fuller Resigns Next Fall.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7 .- (Special.)-It is learned here from good authority, that President Taft is to appoint ex-Secretary of War Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, to the Supreme Bench to succeed Chief Justice Fuller, who, it is understood, is to retire early

General Wright is in Washington While he denies the report, the appointment is almost certain. Mr. Taft considers Mr. Wright fitted in every way for the position and he feels crat like Mr. Wright will aid him in breaking the solid South.

WESTON SLEEPS ALL DAY

Aged Pedestrian Takes Long Rest Before Crossing Sierras.

RENO, Nev., July 7 .- Arriving in this city, 244 miles from San Francisco, at o'clock this morning, Edward Payson Weston slept until 9 o'clock, breakfasted, arose and again retired. He left Rene at 6 P. M., and expects to make Truckee, 35 miles from Reno, early tomorrow

E. C. Brown, of the engineering corps of the Southern Pacific, will guide the pedestrian through a pass over the Sierras that avoids the snowsheds. Weston is feeling well and arose greatly refreshed.

SCANDAL HIDDEN IN PERRIN'S CASE

Either Bonaparte or Devlin Smirched.

WICKERSHAM KNOWS FACTS

But Refuses to Give Up Documents Which Tell.

EVEN TO SENATORS

Secret History of Land-Fraud Case Believed to Show That Bonaor Devlin Used Perjured Evidence.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, July 7 .- Hidden away in the ar chives of the Department of Justice, dou bly secure under official seal, are documents which, if ever brought to light, will open up a scandal in Government circles quite as sensational as any exposure made by the sleuths and law officers of the Roosevelt administration. This scandal, however, instead of implicating the men pursued by the last administration, would involve the pursuers of criminals-the very men chosen and intrusted with the work of running down and prosecuting graft

ers and other violators of the law. No man, unless it be ex-Attorney-General Bonaparte, can say how many officials are implicated in this smothered scandal, for none but he is familiar with all the records, and it was he who personally sealed and stowed away the incriminating documents. There is a law prohibiting the destruction of Government records; no so long ago Binger Hermann was tried for the destruction of alleged official letterpress copybooks which he kept in the General Land Office. In face of the law, and with the memory-it might be said the sad memory-of the Hermann case fresh in his mind, Mr naparte did not dare dispose of the dangerous papers in his possession at the time he retired from the office of Attor

Took Peep and Shuddered.

So it was that the records in question were done up in bundles, each carefully wrapped and sealed, and on each wrapper were written the words "Specialprivate," "Confidential," or "Not to be opened." These explosive packages, on March 4, were intrusted to the new Attorney-General, Mr. Wickersham. He is now their guardian, and except in one instance he has not disregarded the warning of his predecessor. The contents of the one package that was pried into convinced Mr. Wickersham that it would be well for the reputation of his, and perhaps other departments of the Govern ment, if the other bundles remained sealed until doomsday.

Only an inkling of the contents of the first bundle-that containing the record in the case of E. B. Perrin, of Williams, Ariz.-has leaked out. After that leak Mr. Wickersham restored the seal and all further access to the confidential files of his office has been denied. And, without the consent of the Attorney-(Concluded on Page 5.)

GIRL FIGHTS LION PRAIRIE STATES WITH LONG HATPIN WHILE HER ESCORTS RUN FOR

Picnic Party Near San Jose Is Marred by Perhaps Fatal Visit of Big Feline.

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 7.-Miss Isola Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy, of Morgan Hill, was attacked and terribly mangled yesterday by a California lion 15 miles south of this city, while she was on an outing with two young men The lion first sprang on one of the men then attacked Miss Kennedy, who fought as best she could with a long hatpin. The boys ran to the camp of the Bay Cities Water Company nearby and gave the alarm. John Conlon and M. Fletcher hastened to the girl's aid.

The former fixed four times at the animal with a shotgun, and Fletcher fired three shots. The girl's left arm was terribly mangled and her entire body lacerated. Her condition is serious. One of the boys

was badly scratched. PARLEYING TO BE STOPPED

British and Russians to Act at Once in Persian Matter.

TEHERAN, Persia, July 7.-The Brit ish and Russian representatives have decided to hold no further communication with the Constitutional forces, whose advance on Teheran continues. Saradarasad is said to be within three miles of

this city. The regiment of soldiers is bivouacking tonight in the Central Square of the city, with guns trained on the route which the Bakitari advance guard is expected to

LIBERAL MAN MISSIONARY Divinity Graduate Who Doubts Bible Stories Ordained in New York.

NEW YORK, July 7 .- The Rev. George Ashmore Fitch, one of three graduates of the Union Theological Seminary, who in a recent examination denied the virgin birth of Christ, the historical identity of Adam and Eve, the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and the resurrection of the body of Christ, was nevertheless or-dained tonight by the New York Presbytery by a vote of 10 to 7.

He will sail this week for China to take up missionary work at Shanghai.

OIL FIRE IMPERILS MEN Standard Oil Employes Leap Into River to Save Their Lives.

NEW YORK, July 7 .- One hundred men who were at work on a pler of the Standard Oil Company in the Wilinto the East River today to escape a ping the danger line. shower of blazing oil when a ta pier exploded.

The clothing of many of the men was on fire when they jumped. One man was badly burned. The workmen were quickly rescued by boats.

MODERN RIP VAN WINKLE Prisoner Released After 25-Year Term Sees First Auto.

TRENTON, N. J., July 7.-After 25 ears in the state prison here Patrick Quinn, 90 years of age, who was convicted of wife murder, was freed today. He had never before seen automobiles or trolley cars, and was bewildered at the changed appearance of the city since he was imprisoned.

SWEPT BY FLOOD

Seven Known Dead, but Eight Are Missing.

RAILROAD TRAVEL PARALYZED

Wall of Water Six Feet High Rushes Down Grand River.

PROPERTY DAMAGE HUGE

Heavy Rains and Melting Snow in Mountains Turn Missouri Valley gishly Flowing Water.

KANSAS CITY, July 7 .- Swollen by unprecedented rain and by melting snows from the Rocky Mountains, the rivers of the Lower Missouri Valley are out of their banks, causing damage in many parts of Missouri and Kansas. The results of the flood up to a late hour tonight were as follows:

Train No. 5, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, which left Kansas City at 9:25 A. M., for Denver, left the track at Pomona, Kan. Of the 10 coaches which made up the train, a baggage and three day coaches left the track and slid into 18 feet of water.

A telephone message from Pomona Kan., at midnight, said the four-year old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Rose, of Chicago, had been drowned in the wreck. Three hundred others persons who had taken refuge on top of the unaffected coaches were rescued by boats and quartered at nearby farm-

Pomona in Midst of Lake.

Pomona is almost completely inun dated, the Marias des Cygnes River at that point being three miles wide. relief train was sent from Ottawa to night with food and other supplies for the passengers, who were said to have climbed on top of the coaches for refuge from the rising waters.

In Kansas City the situation is threatening. In the bottoms in the western section where are located the stockyards, wholesale warehouses and manufacturing plants, the waters from the confluence of liamsburg section of Brooklyn, jumped the Missouri and Kansas rivers are lap-

Rowboats to Rescue 1500.

Pattensburg, a town in Missouri 50 miles north of Kansas City, is ten feet under water, and its 1500 inhabitants are in dire straits. Fifty rowboats were put on a special train at Kansas City this morning and hurried to the scene. Later reports say that the marooned citizens were all removed to higher ground without loss of life, but that the property damage will be tremendous. At Chillicothe, Mo., on the Grand River, six men were swept from a bridge this afternoon and were seen floating down the stream. Whether they reached shore

Six-Foot Wall of Water.

The bridge was carried out when a great (Concluded on Page 4.)

LATHAM PLANNING AEROPLANE VOYAGE

WILL STRIVE FOR PRIZE FOR CROSSING CHANNEL.

Has Three Competitors, but Is Confident He Will Be First to Make Trip Over Water.

PARIS, July 7 .- (Special.) -- Calais re ports that Hubert Latham may at any noment point his acropiane toward Do ver, on the other side of the English Channel, and get aboard. The prospect of witnessing the first crossing by a machine of this kind has brought hundreds of people to the city. Lathan simself is full of confidence in the ven-

He admits that he may make the attempt at any moment, but not before ac complishing several trials carrying him out over the water for increasing distances. Latham will have two rivals for the \$5000 prize offered by the Daily Mail for the first channel crossing in an aero plane. They are Louis Bleriot, and Wilbur Wright's pupils, M. Calderara and Count Lambert.

ROOSEVELT HAVING SPORT

Kills Lion in Full Charge, Liones and Four Rhinoceri.

NAIVASHA, B. E. A., July 7 .- The Roosevelt expedition is enjoying good hunting and all the members of the party are well. This information was brought into Naivasha today by couriers from the Sotik district.

Mr. Roosevelt has killed a splendidly maned llon, one lioness and four rhinoceri. He brought down the lion while the beast was in full charge, the bullet penetrating the middle of the chest. Kermit Roosevelt has secured one big bull ecland, one lioness and two

The party is coming into the farm of Captain Richard Atterborough on the north shore of Naivasha Lake for hippopotamus hunting.

Hamilton's Alleged Embezzlement Placed at \$60,000.

SEATTLE, July 7 .- Attorney-General Lamping, of Washington, after a searching investigation of the accounts of his predecessor, Ortis Hamilton, with the United States War Department, says that Hamilton, who is in jail at Olympia awaiting trial on an embezzlement charge, converted probably \$60,000 of the state's money to his own use and that James A. Drain, Hamilton's predecessor, has a clear rec-

General Lamping spent several weeks n Washington and with the aid of the War Department, went through the state's accounts with the Department for 10 years.

FRENCH PRAISE BIG FLEET

Paris Temps Ranks United States as Second Naval Power.

PARIS, July 7.-The Temps takes issue with M. Michel, who declared yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies during the debate on the naval inquiry commission's report that Germany stood second among the naval powers. The Temps points out that second place is held by the United States, which, with a fleet of 16 battleships, "accomplished an admirable feat in the circumnavigation of the globe." The paper adds that all English au thorities class the United States second among the naval powers. Germany, therefore, would be third, and France

MARINERS LOOK FOR RACE

fourth.

Two Pacific Liners Leave Honolulu for Bay City at Same Time.

HONOLULU, July 7 .- The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's liner Mongolia and the steamer Alameda, of the Oceanic line, got an even start for San Fraucisco at 10 o'clock today. It is not known whether or not an ocean race is in contemplation, but in shipping circles an ineresting speed contest is anticipated. The Mongolia is considered to be some what the faster boat. The vessels should, reach their destination about noon next Tuesday.

CAPITAL QUIET AFTER TEN

Curfew at That Hour Will Bar Plano-Playing and Singing.

WASHINGTON, July 7 .- "Plano playing and singing after 10 o'clock at night is disorderly conduct, as much so as cursing or fighting." declared Judge Ivory G. Kimball in the Police Court today, i dismissing with a lecture a case against The court announced that hereafter a curfew would ring promptly at 10 o'clock, and all offenders brought before him would receive a fine.

GIRLS MUST QUIT CHINESE

Vancouver to Prohibit White Teachers in Missions.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 7 .- (Spe-

cial.)-Police Commissioners of this city have decided to take steps to prevent oung girls from teaching in Chinatown. The question, aroused presumably by the Elsie Sigel case, was brought up by Acting Mayor Prescott, and the police are to be requested to report cases of any white girls teaching in Chinese missions. Several women now teaching small missions are to be asked to relinquish

their work.

SUPREME COURT ALLEGED PACKED

Corporations Said to Be in Control.

TEATS MUST UPHOLD CHARGE

Washington's Highest Tribunal Drawn in Scandal.

DE WOLFE CITES CASES

Says Chief Corporations of State Are in Combine to Control High Tribunal When Cases of Personal Injury Are Before It.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 7 .- (Special.)-The investigating committee tonight issued a citation Teats, of Tacoma, to appear at 1 P. M. omorrow to testify as to his statement he can prove the 1907 law increasing the membership of the Supreme Court was designed to pack the court in favor of the corporations' side of personal injury cases.

This was the feature of today's sessions of the House committee investigating the Supreme Court. Representative David, of Tacoma, asked the subpena for Teats, who, David said, had told a jury he could prove the Legislature of 1907 passed the bill increasing the membership ourt by two to pack the bench in favor DRAIN'S RECORD IS CLEAR of corporations in personal injury cases.

Corporations in Pool?

Attorney Herbert de Wolfe, in the ourse of his long argument before the ommittee today, declared the chief corporations of the state are in a pool to control Supreme Court decisions; that nembers of this court had violated their oaths of office by deciding cases contrary to the constitution and laws in favor of the Seattle Electric Company, and that Representative Palmer, of the committee, dare not sign an adverse report by the committee because it would cost him his employment by Seattle corporations.

A. H. Denman, of Tacoma, who was attorney in an unsuccessful personal injury suit of Skinner against the Taoma Railway & Power Company, was on the stand to testify that in its decision in that case the Supreme Court had stated facts upon which the dicted by the evidence, and were not the facts shown by the evidence in the

De Wolfe Goes Into Cases.

During the day a split occurred in the committee, on a motion by Palmer that De Wolfe simply cite his cases (Concluded on Page 5.)

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Bingo Herman is said to have sent Francis J. Sweeney a loving cup as an expression of his gratitude for the "Great Prosecutor's" miraculous preservation from injury in the recent auto accident near Castle Rock.

Jack Humdrum, the celebrated author, owing to an attack of measles has been obliged to abandon the proposed circumnavigation of the globe in his rowboat, the Shark. Mr. Humdrum is a man of striking individuality. He is said to produce his best works while standing on his head. He also confesses a superstitious aversion to living in a house with a comb. Nor is Mr. Humdrum less remarkable for his modesty; he has always disclaimed any credit for his greatness. Let evolution, says he, receive all the

Senator Awfulrich, the Senate leader, yesterday called in a delegation of householders to help him revise the tariff. A big reduction all along the line is looked for.

Colonel Gofer announces that he will run for Governor. The Colonel has darkly hinted to friends that unless he is elected there is likely to be a prolonged drouth in the Willamette Valley.

