

TAFT LETS WATER OF LIFE IN DESERT

Starts Flow Through Gunnison Tunnel.

STATE ENTERTAINS FREELY

President Given Fruit and Sees Cowgirl Race.

SHERIFF GETS IN FIGHT

Touch of Western Realism Added to Programme When Gun Play Threatens—Executive Praises Climate, Great Resources.

MONTROSE, Colo., Sept. 23.—President Taft spent today on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains amid a succession of magnificent scenes. In many respects his day was one of the most interesting he has had since leaving Boston.

Late this afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in the West and far out in the foothills of the mountains, with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection that started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid land. The greatest irrigation project the United States Government ever has undertaken was thus put in operation and the opening was the occasion of a joyous celebration throughout the valley of Uncompahgre.

Sees Cowgirl Race.

Before traveling out to the west portal of the tunnel on a little narrow gauge train, the President visited the Montrose County Fair and after some formal speech-making, he was given a real touch of Western life—a relay race of cowgirls. The race was arranged especially in honor of the President, and was a novel and exciting affair. A girl of 16 was matched against two older riders and carrying the sympathy of the crowd with her from the start, won the two and a half mile race with three changes of horses by almost a quarter of a mile.

Winner Wears Knickerbockers.

The little girl, Miss Bertha Elsie Hull, wore knickerbockers while the two older riders were in divided skirts. The impediment of the latter turned the tide of the contest and after the second change of horses, little Miss Hull was galloping along so far in front that the result was never in doubt. All three of the riders were presented to the President, who climbed into the judges' stand on the fair grounds track to witness the race.

Irrigation Results Seen.

During his travels today the President had ample opportunity to study the effect of irrigation. For a long time his train ran through stretches of country where as far as the eye could reach only vegetation in sight consisted of a few grass-covered bushes or sagebrush. Then out of a rocky canyon the train would suddenly come upon a veritable oasis, where fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards told of the miracle wrought by the touch of water.

Gifts of Fruit Made.

At Grand Junction, and here at Montrose, the President visited the fruit exhibits of the county fairs, and was told the wonderful stories of the season's yield. Enormous peaches, apples, pears, plums, variegated grapes and almost every other known fruit, as well as enormous quantities of the vegetable growth of the district were shown to him. At almost every stop made today the President's car and the baggage car attached to his train were laden with fruit. One little box, a yard long, was just big enough to hold ten peaches arranged in a row.

The scene attending the opening of the Gunnison tunnel this afternoon was most picturesque.

On either side of the deep ravine leading away from the portal of the great bore, several thousand people were gathered. A little stand for the President and his party had been erected at the edge of the cut and looking down 150 feet, to the opening of the tunnel.

Huge Project Building.

The tunnel has been hewn through six miles of a mountain range and when the project is completed next Spring, it will divert the waters of the Gunnison River, now flowing to the Gulf of California, to the valley on this side of the mountains, where minor private projects of irrigation already have told the wonders of the soil.

The vista of rolling hills and barren mountain ranges, the mesas and tablelands stretching along the hazy horizon, the surrounding acres of sage and greasewood, the red light of the sun, the black clouds of curling smoke from a "double header" train climbing up the winding pathway of rails to the 6000-foot elevation at the tunnel mouth—all contributed to make the scene one to be remembered as unique in Presidential travels.

Taft Turns On Water.

During the day Mr. Taft was presented with a golden key to the City of Montrose, a gold badge commemorating his visit, and a gold table bell. It was with this little bell that the President opened the tunnel. The bell, when set upon a copper plate representing the district of reclaimed land, made the electrical connection which caused a squad of laborers

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LAWSON'S NIECE ELOPES TO WED

PRETTY BOSTON GIRL FLEES IN AUTO AND MARRIES.

Relative of Financier, Author and Plunger Becomes Wife of a Wealthy Neighbor.

BOSTON, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Gertrude C. Lawson, niece of Thomas W. Lawson, ran away in an automobile with Walter L. Shepard, a wealthy young man who lives across the street from the Lawsons in Belmont Highlands, and the two were married.

The news of the elopement became known today.

Miss Lawson is 22, and one of the prettiest girls in Melrose Highlands. Her father is John H. Lawson, brother of Thomas W. Lawson, the financier.

The young people went out riding in Shepard's touring car yesterday afternoon and drove to the home of their friend Rev. B. F. Leavitt, of the First Congregational Church of Arlington. He married the young couple in his library. Then they came back home, told their astonished relatives that they had been married and took the train to go away on their honeymoon.

GEM CACHED IN KEYHOLE

Conductor Finds \$275 Diamond in Queer Hiding Place.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 23.—While examining a lock of the door of a passenger coach, Thomas Conway, a passenger conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad, found that some foreign substance had clogged the keyhole in such a manner that it was impossible to insert the key.

A close examination revealed a glittering stone, which was at first taken to be a fragment of glass which had become imbedded in the lock. The lock was taken apart, and the stone was picked out by the conductor and found to be an unset diamond valued at \$275. How the stone happened to be deposited in this unusual hiding place is a mystery.

The theory has been advanced that a member of a gang of pickpockets, after relieving a passenger of the stone, had feared detection, and cached the gem in the keyhole with the intention of returning for it later.

LOVE IN NOME GROWS COLD

Hairdresser Sues Mayor Cochrane for Breach of Promise.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—C. D. Cochrane, Mayor of NOME, was made a defendant this morning in a breach of promise suit for \$10,000 damages brought in the Superior Court by Ada Raymond.

The plaintiff says in her complaint that she met Cochrane in Nome in 1906, when he was a struggling lawyer without clients, that she was a hairdresser, possessed a wide acquaintance, and that she procured clients for the defendant and that between the years of 1906 and 1908, by reason of her efforts, Cochrane built up a lucrative practice. She declares that he promised to marry her, but later became colder as he prospered and finally married another woman on November 12, 1908.

SEATTLE MAN DISAPPEARS

Frank E. Holland Drops Out of Sight During California Trip.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—E. H. Holland arrived in Los Angeles today to search for his brother, Frank E. Holland, who mysteriously disappeared in the latter part of August, and who is thought to have made his way to this city. He says his brother has been ill for several years.

Mr. Holland and his brother left Seattle recently, when the doctor advised the sick man to come south to the climate. "I thought that it might do my brother some good if we took a long trip," said E. H. Holland, "so we secured a horse and buggy and drove from Seattle to Sacramento. There my brother dropped out of sight when I left him alone for an hour."

OMAHA STRIKERS CLASH

One Boy Shot and Police Use Clubs Freely in Riot.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 23.—The police clashed with an excited crowd late today as a result of a demonstration over the arrest of a teamster for causing a streetcar blockade.

The man was dragged from his wagon by a policeman and the crowd pressed around in a threatening manner. A police detail hurried to the scene and dispersed the disturbers after arresting six and clubbing others.

A streetcar jumped the track while going down a steep grade. Two passengers and the crew were badly injured.

One boy was shot in a riot earlier in the day.

WIND FANS FOREST FIRES

Fruit District in Grass Valley Is Threatened by Flames.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Sept. 23.—A great forest fire is burning in the Chicago Park fruit district and west of that section.

For two days every available rancher and farm hand has been assisting in the fight to stop the progress of the flames. The orchard on the Healy ranch has been destroyed. Miles of fences, large quantities of wood and several mining flumes have been burned. Today a strong wind is fanning the flames into renewed activity.

COOK TELLS OWN STORY AT DINNER

Banquet Given Him by Arctic Club.

WILLING TO "PASS BASKET"

Says Men of Past Have Share in Fruits of Exploration.

"STORE CLOTHES" DELAY

Delinquent Tailor Causes Wait While Finishing Explorer's Evening Suit—Rear-Admiral Schley Introduces Speaker.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Cheered by thousands of men and women as he entered the banquet hall on the arm of Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, Dr. Frederick A. Cook told his story tonight before the most brilliant audience that he has addressed since he left the court of Denmark.

The banquet was given by the Arctic Club of America, of which Dr. Cook is a member.

The assemblage was cosmopolitan and enthusiastic.

Dr. Cook detailed many of his Polar experiences and insisted that his exploit furnished honor enough for all. He declared that he wanted to divide the praise with explorers of the past, upon whose experiences he had won; with the Eskimos, whose customs he had adopted with victorious effect, and with Mr. Bradley, who had financed his expedition.

"Store Clothes" Delay Cook.

The banquet was to have been preceded by a reception, but after a long wait the diners crowded into the hall without a chance of previously shaking the hand of the explorer. The reason for Dr. Cook's delay and the abandonment of the reception was characteristic of Dr. Cook's simplicity. He landed in this country without having conventional evening clothes in his wardrobe, and the suit ordered since his arrival here was late in being delivered to his room. For that reason the reception followed the dinner instead of preceding it.

Schley Introduces Speaker.

The speakers, in addition to Dr. Cook, were Rear Admiral Schley, Mr. MacGowan, Bird S. Coler, Count von Moltke, Professor William Brewster, honorary president of the Arctic Club; Representative W. S. Bennett, of New York; Job Hedges, a prominent local Republican, and Charles Wake, of the Explorers' Club.

Among the other prominent guests present were J. C. M. Danish Consul-General in New York; Magnus Clark, the Swedish Consul, and Christ-

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MUNSEY, AS BULL, CLAIMS BIG ROLL

PUBLISHER CLEANS UP \$5,000,000 IN STREET.

Confidence in Future During Panic Responsible for Winnings. Bought Steel at 22.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—By staking a fortune on the future prosperity of the United States at a time when business conditions were panicky, Frank A. Munsey, publisher, is said to have cleaned up more than \$5,000,000 profits through stock investments made during and immediately after the financial depression of 1907.

This winning, by reason of a nervy personal bull campaign conducted against the advice of many of his most intimate friends, leaves him one of the biggest winners on Wall street.

On Steel common alone, of which he is said to have had 100,000 shares, bought around the 40 mark, and some of it as low as 22, when, after the panic, depression was greatest, Mr. Munsey is credited with making \$3,000,000. Steel common closed today at 34.

The balance of Munsey's holdings, so Wall street hears, consists of railroad and industrial shares scattered through nearly a score of corporations.

OLD CAPITOL GUIDE DIES

Picturesque Figure in Washington Removed by Death.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—One of the most striking and picturesque figures around the capitol building was removed by the death today of John Callan O'Loughlin, a former confederate soldier, old railroad man and for many years a guide at the capitol.

He was personally known to all the present and many former members of the Senate and House and during his long service at the capitol has shown to thousands of visitors the interesting objects about that historic building.

GOVERNMENT TO APPEAL

Another Attempt to Be Made to Get Barber Company's Lands.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 23.—Solicitor-General Bowers stated today the Department of Justice had directed that an appeal be taken from Judge Bean's recent decision in the civil suit against the Barber Lumber Company.

This suit was brought by the Government to cancel the Barber Company's title to considerable valuable timber land near Boise. The appeal was recommended by Special Attorney Peyton Gordon, who prosecuted the suit for the Government.

KNOX PAYS FOR SPEED

Son of Secretary Fined \$15 and Costs for Fast Going.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 23.—Phillader C. Knox Jr., son of Secretary Knox, was fined \$15 and costs in District Court here today for overspeeding an automobile.

When arrested September 14 he was on his way to Boston to attend a dinner to President Taft. He pleaded guilty and paid the fine.

MONSTER CROWDS SEE FINE RACES

Livestock Show Attendance Is 11,000.

THIS BREAKS ALL RECORDS

2:12 Trot Furnishes Most Sensational Event of Year.

HENRY GRAY WINS PURSE

Thousands Thrilled by Gallant Struggle Against Brilliant Field. Grand Parade of Prize-Winning Animals Attracts.

Success in capital letters was spelled for Portland's annual livestock exposition yesterday afternoon when another immense throng of people inundated the grandstand and overflowed into the bleachers and along the racetrack for half its distance. The crowd was even greater than the one which developed Wednesday. The total attendance was not far from 11,000.

It was Willamette Valley day and hundreds of people from the length and breadth of the fertile valley were in attendance. There were many visitors, likewise, from Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon, and immediate points. Portland supplied the bulk of the crowd, however.

Past racing events and a procession of the prize winning show animals were the features of the day. The procession occurred at noon when the horses and cattle that took premiums were led in a triumphant line past the grandstand. That structure was already well filled with people for the crowds began developing as early as 9 o'clock, the forenoon being given over by visitors to inspecting the exhibit stables.

An inspiring picture was presented by the splendid column of beribboned animals as it passed the grandstand in review. Only the elect were in, that line of prancing horses and sleek cattle. It was the newest aristocracy of the Pacific Coast's livestock world.

The racing card proved fast and furious and the interest of the thousands was kept at its highest pitch as heat after heat was run. There were three harness events and two running races.

Greatest Race of Year.

The most spectacular and thrilling of the year was the 2:12 trot in which an Oregon horse Henry Gray, owned in Seattle, pulled down the \$200 Commercial Club purse after a hard battle. There were ten entries and the fastest horses on the Pacific Coast were among those entered. Three heats failed to decide the event and on the fourth heat Henry Gray had two heats and Leo Crawford, owned in Denver had two.

Tense interest marked the fifth heat.

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IRON TRUST LIFTS ITS HEAD IN CHINA

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION INVADES FAR EAST.

Most Valuable Deposits in World, Located in Shan Si Province, Fall to Americans.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 23.—Reports received here from travelers returning from the Far East, taken in connection with data presented by Consular officials, indicate that the United States Steel Corporation is preparing to control coal and iron mines and the steel business of China.

It is very positively declared that vast deposits in the Province of Shan Si, believed by many people to be the richest in the world, have come into the control of the corporation.

For many years this province has been regarded as an ideal region for iron and steel manufacture. If iron ore deposits of the Upper Lake region were alongside the great coal mines, and if the very best grade of limestone were immediately adjacent, then the condition would be fairly comparable to that existing in Shan Si.

Everything needed for the most economical production of the best iron and steel is at hand. Even transportation facilities will be of the best because of the possibility of developing the best water transit at a small cost.

SORORITY GIRLS HEROINES

Save Chapter House From Destruction by Plucky Act.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Two plucky girls prevented destruction of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority house by fire last night.

Just before the retiring hour dense smoke began forcing its way through the floor. Panic-stricken, all but two of the young women fled to the street. Mary Stelwer, a Junior from Fossil, and Anna McMicken, a freshman from Portland, gathered up their skirts and descended into the basement to ascertain the cause of the fire.

In a corner of the basement a tub filled with rags, left by painters, was smoking like a full-fledged volcano, and the flames had already begun to lick up the woodwork leading to the first floor.

The plucky girls, without a moment's hesitation, carried the tub of oil-soaked and flaming rags from the basement and out upon the lawn. By this time firemen arrived and quenched the flames in the basement.

UNCLE SAM TO RESCUE

Revenue Cutter Sent to Bring Back Stranded Alaskans.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—One hundred American citizens stranded at Nome will be brought to Seattle on a revenue cutter. Telegraphic orders went forward today from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hill directing the Deputy Collector of Customs at Seward, Alaska, to have a revenue cutter proceed at once from Seward to Nome, there to take on board the men and women who are destitute.

Official advices said the Americans were taken to Nome by the Alaska Development & Investment Company, which, according to the official dispatch, has not paid them their season's wages, and they are now dependent upon charity for sustenance.

FLOOD FATALITIES GROW

Number of Dead in Mexican Disaster Estimated at 3000.

MONTREY, Mex., Sept. 23.—General Trevino, military commander of the District of Northern Mexico, who has directed the distribution of forces through the district swept by the recent flood, today estimated the number of lives lost at 3000.

Two thousand bodies were recovered between Monterey and Tampico. The property loss reaches into the millions.

AMATEUR AVIATOR SCORES

Maurice Farman Soars Over Houses Dykes and Woods.

SAINT CYR, France, Sept. 23.—Maurice Farman, brother of Henry Farman, today made a remarkable 15 minutes' cross-country flight in a machine of his own invention.

This is the first time the aviator used this machine. He flew over houses, dykes and woods and returned to the starting point.

PRIEST KILLED DURING RIOT

Religious Outbreaks in Spain Result in Death or Two Men.

BARCELONA, Sept. 23.—Religious rioting at Castro yesterday resulted in the killing of two men and the wounding of 56 others.

A religious procession with the local priest at its head was attacked and the priest and another man were killed.

FARMERS TO AID ROADS

Federal Control Means Purchase of Securities, Says Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—As a result of his observations recently into conditions among the agricultural classes in the West, Secretary Wilson said that Federal control of railroad capitalization would lead to large investments in railroad securities by American farmers.

HIKE OVER TRAIL SAVED GIRL'S LIFE

Gladys Saunders, Ill, Is Borne 21 Miles.

STRETCHER USED FOR BED

Two Nights and Day Consumed in Arduous Journey.

BEARERS ARE EXHAUSTED

Arrive Safely With Suffering Miss and Send Her to Portland in Time to Undergo an Operation for Appendicitis.

To save the life of Gladys Saunders, a 16-year-old girl suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis, her father, assisted by seven friends, carried her during the whole of two nights and a day for 21 miles on rough mountain roads until she could be placed on the cars and brought to Portland for an operation. She is at the Good Samaritan Hospital and will be operated on by Dr. A. J. Giesy as soon as she recovers in a measure from the effects of the hard trip.

The Saunders family live near Alpha in the Eastern part of Lewis County, Washington, remote from the railroad. The girl was stricken last Saturday and her parents decided that she must be taken to a doctor at once. It was first planned to take her by stage to some point from which Portland could be reached by train, but it was seen that owing to her weakness and the pain from which the girl was suffering, the jolting of the stage would probably kill her.

Neighbors Volunteer Aid.

When this became known to the neighbors, they rallied to Saunders' aid and the strongest volunteered for the long carry to Napanava, a town on the Northern Pacific, near Chehalis. A strong stretcher was improvised from branches and blankets.

Owing to the seriousness of the case, the party started as soon as they could get ready, leaving Alpha at 9 o'clock Saturday night. Progress was made all Saturday night and the march over the rough and, in places, almost impassable roads was continued all day Sunday. Only the briefest rests were made and those when an absolute necessity. While the stretcher was carried usually by four of the girl's friends, at many places every man with the party was required to assist, so steep were some of the climbs and descents.

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