

Taft Keeps Hands Off Ohio Politics

President Expresses No Preference for Governor in His Home State.

CRUISE ON YACHT BEGINS

Executive, Accompanied by Wife and Few Friends, Will Spend Ten Days Along Coast of Maine and Forget Politics.

BEVERLY, Mass., July 18.—There will be no Beverly label on the Ohio Republican anti-convention situation. This much was decided upon at the Summer White House today when, just previous to his departure on a ten-day cruise along the coast of Maine, President Taft had as his tuncen guests Senators Burton and Dick and Republican Chairman Wade Ellis.

It is understood that none of the three Ohio visitors today urged upon the President the preferences of any one candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. While it is known that the President may have some personal preference in the matter, he will not declare in favor of any of the candidates named.

President to Forget Politics.

The President's guests left at 2:30 and five minutes later the President, Mrs. Taft and the other members of the cruising party started for the boat landing to board a launch which took them to the Government yacht Mayflower, on which the ten-day trip is to be made.

The cruise in Maine waters on board the Government yacht Mayflower, which began shortly before 4 o'clock, will afford the President a complete rest, although the trip is taken primarily on Mrs. Taft's account.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beckman Winthrop, who is one of the party, boarded the yacht shortly before the President and as he stepped over the side a white flag was run up and the guns boomed out a salute in his honor.

Salute Greets President.

Half an hour later, when the President boarded the Mayflower, the white flag gave way to the blue Presidential flag, a salute of 21 guns was fired, the crew was drawn up on deck and the band on board played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Those who accompanied the President were Mrs. Taft, Charles T. Moore, D. Taft, the President's brother, Professor and Mrs. Louise T. Moore, of Cincinnati; Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beckman Winthrop, Miss Mabel Boardman and Captain Archibald W. Butt, the President's military aide.

The President will make three speeches during his trip, one at Westport tomorrow, one at Bangor next Saturday and the third at Koonland, on Tuesday, July 19.

None of these addresses will touch upon politics in any way. The President will reach Beverly on his return on July 28.

President's Yacht is Located.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., July 18.—The wireless station at Portsmouth, N. H. Yard was in communication with the Presidential yacht Mayflower at 8 P. M., but the operator aboard the yacht had been instructed not to divulge the exact location of the boat.

President's Yacht Sighted.

ROCKPORT, Mass., July 18.—The Presidential yacht Mayflower was sighted off Thatcher's Island at 5:40 o'clock this evening, headed northeast, with the President's flag at the masthead. The boat disappeared about 6:30 in the direction of the Maine coast.

COMMISSION MAKES RULING

No Free Passes for Commercial Clubs or Y. W. C. A. Secretaries.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—A set of "administrative" regulations announced today by the Interstate Commerce Commission supplementary to rulings made heretofore. All of the rules laid down are important to interstate carriers, and some of them are of general public interest, as follows:

"An interstate excursion for certain commercial clubs, the members of which are to be carried at the expense of the railroad companies as their guests, cannot be sanctioned.

"Free transportation cannot be issued to employees of a bridge company which makes annual reports to the Commission, but this no tariffs and collects no charges from shippers or carriers.

"Free or reduced rates of transportation may not lawfully be accorded to traveling secretaries of a Young Woman's Christian Association.

"There is no warrant in law for according free transportation of the body of an ex-employee of the carriers, who resigned from the service some time prior to his death."

The Commission holds that it has exclusive jurisdiction over claims for damage arising from the misrating of freight.

DEATH FOLLOWS QUARREL

Returning Fishermen Disagree Over Expenses; Shooting Begins.

SPOKANE, July 18.—A special from Valley, Wash., says: Elmer Hyatt and Charles Wilson, members of a fishing party from Addy, Wash., but who had been spending the day on a lake about three miles distant, quarreled over expenses of the return trip and Hyatt pulled a gun, but on the first attempt to shoot, it only snapped.

Wilson then jumped behind a telegraph pole and fired three shots from a revolver, the first going through Hyatt's body and another through his arm. Hyatt tried to continue the battle, but others in the party put him in the wagon and took him to the nearest physician at Valley, Wash. He died in a few minutes.

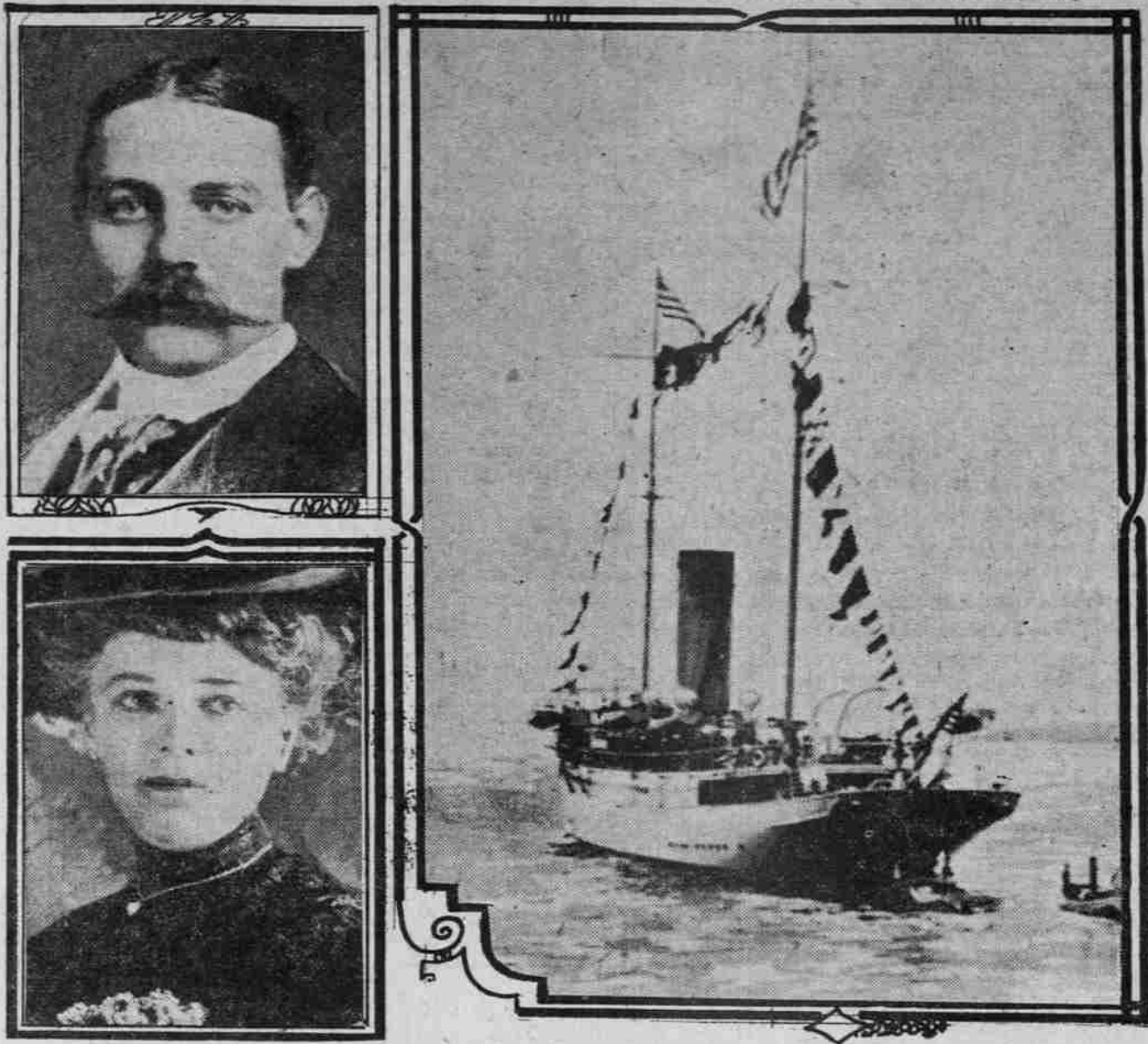
MEEKER NOW IN COLORADO

Pioneer Retracing and Marking Old Oregon Trail.

GRIMSBY, Colo., July 18.—Ezra Meeker, one of the few surviving "49ers" and who attracted attention by driving an ox team across the country to New York last year, is here in the interest of having the old Oregon trail appropriately marked with monuments. An appropriation for this is now pending in Congress.

Mr. Meeker is traversing the old trail which began at Kansas City and ended at Tacoma. He is 80 years old.

PRESIDENT'S YACHT AND THREE MEMBERS OF PARTY WITH HIM ON CRUISE.



Above, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beckman Winthrop, Miss Mabel Boardman, the Mayflower. Below, Charlie Taft, the President's son.

GIRL SWEEP AWAY

Rancher's Daughter Drowned by Torrent in Canyon.

WATERS CARRY BODY MILE

Destructive Cloudburst in Nevada Carries Away Bridges, Flumes and Headgates, and Damages Ranch Properties Greatly.

CARSON, Nev., July 18.—During a cloudburst in Woodford's Canyon, 30 miles south of this city, last evening, Miss Neva Parks, daughter of David Parks, a prominent stockman of Western Nevada, was drowned.

Mr. Sweep's team was driven down the mountain-side.

Mr. Sweep, one of the party, rescued his wife and two small children, but Miss Parks went down stream with the team. Her body was found a mile below the scene of the accident. Both horses were drowned.

Much damage to ranch property is reported as the result of the unusually heavy rains that have prevailed during the last few days. Many bridges, flumes and headgates have been carried away by the rushing waters.

BAD STORM SWEEPS NEVADA

Longest Drought of Years Broken by Terrific Cloudburst.

RENO, Nev., July 18.—The worst storm Nevada has experienced in years at this time of the year started late yesterday afternoon and is continuing today, preceding months combined. Streetcar traffic was demoralized by a flash of lightning which burned out the transformers. The cars were put out of commission all night and traffic was not resumed until nearly noon today.

No fatalities have been reported, but James West attempted to clear the heavy rain falls, which seems unlikely, or the lighters are able in some manner to stop the progress of the flames.

Deputy Goepel has just returned from the recent forest fires which destroyed much property along the river. This fire is now under control. A fire at Four Lakes, near the Four Lake Lumber Company's plant and standing timber, is still burning, but no great danger is reported from this section.

It is believed here that practically all of the recent forest fires have been caused by passing locomotives, and the agitation for oil-burners on all roads has been given an added impetus in this wooded section of the country.

Owing to intermittent communication with Cooks tonight, it is impossible to determine the extent of the blaze now ravaging property in the Mount Rainier Forest Reserve.

This will not be known before tomorrow.

FORESTS BLAZE NEAR HOQUIAM

Dry Timber Causes Apprehension to Camps in District.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—A force of 100 loggers is engaged in patrolling the logging districts north of Hoquiam tonight to prevent forest fires from breaking out anew. No damage has been done yet, with the exception of \$200 worth of timber destroyed Saturday.

Forest fires which spread from Saturday to dry out mosses and brush, making timber easy prey to the flames. At Coak's logging camp on the Wishkah River the men are watching, having been successful in fighting fire for the past three days. The West camps are not in danger, unless the fire breaks out again. The territory burned over is estimated at 400 acres.

Forest fires which broke out tonight are raging in Little North River country, located 18 miles southeast of here, and a large area of land is burning. All camps are in danger should the fire again gain control.

WARDNER SECTION RAVAGED

Rich Mines and Valuable Timber Fall in Path of Flames.

WARDNER, Ida., July 18.—(Special.)—Ten miles of bleak, blackened timber that yesterday was of the finest white pine in the entire Coeur d'Alene district, tonight marks the trail of the district's greatest fire on Pine Creek about nine miles from town, that is continuing its devastation along the south and east forks of this little mountain stream, promising no rest for the 100 men fighting day and night to check it.

All buildings of the Galusha Mining Company were burned today, with the homes of dozens of settlers in that vicinity.

Seven men cut off by the flames yesterday while fighting in the forest, under the leadership of E. J. Langlois, forced their way through walls of fire to the east fork of the creek and by circling the flames came around on the Kellogg side to continue the battle.

George Thompson, whose home and all these in an ashen heap in the forest, was found this afternoon wandering demented in the forest. He was brought to safety still delirious.

Word brought to Wardner at 11 o'clock tonight is that the fire has a seven-mile front and is burning toward the south.

Fire has again broken out in the Graham Creek district and is now burning with a seven-mile front toward the ridge where men have been sent to begin ditching.

Twenty men were sent here today by the District Forester. The Pine Creek fire is not on the reserve, but because of the great danger the crew was loaned to prevent spread to the National forest. Section 48 and 48 have been swept clean of timber.

FLAMES RAGE IN SKAMANIA

Fire Breaks Out in Mount Rainier Forest Reserve; Beyond Control.

STEVENSON, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—With all the Government regiments called out and a cry for help extended by Deputy Fire Warden Will Goepel to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad for all the men it can spare, one of the hardest battles in forest fighting history in this section of the country has just begun.

Word reached here today from Cooks that the flames had started in the Mount Rainier Forest Reserve and Deputy Goepel at once mustered all available men here, at Cooks and at Carson, and started for the scene of the conflagration.

Though several fires have been burning about Skamania County for the last two weeks, this new one is probably the worst yet reported and may mean thousands of dollars' worth of damage unless a heavy rain falls, which seems unlikely, or the lighters are able in some manner to stop the progress of the flames.

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WHEAT PRICES SOAR

New High Level Set for Crop Year by Bullish Reports.

HEAT DAMAGE IS GREAT

Large Winter Grain Receipts Hold Market Steady, but Fear of Worldwide Failure is Gaining Great Strength in East.

CHICAGO, July 18.—(Special.)—Wheat values, buoyed up by heavy buying in futures and Northwestern markets, today touched new high levels for the crop year when the July delivery sold up to \$1.14, September at \$1.09 and December at \$1.07.

The new levels were established on gloomy reports from the Northwest Spring wheat country, which told of a deteriorating and deteriorating crop. These reports were received at the opening of the market, and before the first hour of trading prices had advanced over a cent. The buying was overdone, however, and later when receipts of new winter wheat were reported as abnormally large, prices began to transform paper profits into ready money with the result that July wheat broke to \$1.10.

Alarm is Growing.

Other months slumped from 2 to 1 1/2 cents, closing at about the lowest points of the day. Notwithstanding the temporary bearish effect of the heavy receipts of winter wheat the trade is alarmed over the general crop situation. Conditions which have been the basis of this feeling of alarm still exist, and reports from the affected districts are causing it to become more widespread each day.

That there is some basis for all the serious crop reports is now a certainty. Unless there is a change soon in the general situation for the better, the ground for alarm must become absolute rather than speculative. The roseate prospects of this year's world's wheat crop of only a few weeks ago have been stricken by the hot suns and by the lack of moisture. Every day this condition continues simply aggravates and intensifies the alarm.

Condition Not Local.

This is not only a local condition but a world-wide one. There is no manipulation of the wheat market here or elsewhere, the price advancing on bad crop reports. From almost everywhere comes the echo of crop deterioration, of crops going backward instead of forward.

While there have been no rains of consequence in France since the time the situation in France is reversed. Heavy rains in France, which have created apprehension that her moderate crop would be seriously damaged, have resulted in a 5-cent advance in the Paris market since the close of last Thursday's business.

Locknow boats of the largest room in the world without columns. It is built of a kind of concrete.

CRIPPLE ELUDES POLICE OF LONDON

All Clues to Whereabouts of American Prove to Be Without Value.

HE MAY BE ON KROONLAND

London Detectives Base Hopes of Capture on Possibility He is Aboard Steamer—Inquest on Body of Supposed Wife.

LONDON, July 18.—Notwithstanding circumstantial reports that Dr. Hawley H. Chippen has been seen at widely separated points, all the supposed clues have proved to be valueless and the London police are still without any tangible evidence that would be likely to lead to his arrest.

The coroner's inquest began today over the dismembered body which was found buried in the cellar of Crippen's 11 Croft Crescent residence and which the police have associated with the disappearance of Crippen's wife, Belle Elmore. The testimony today proved of small service in establishing the identity, as the mass of flesh was so mutilated as to make it impossible today for the experts to fix the sex of the victim.

After several witnesses had been examined, relative to the finding of the body, the domestic relations of Dr. Crippen and his wife, the occurrences at the Crippen house on the night of January 31, when Belle Elmore was last seen alive and the interrogations in which Crippen later was subjected by friends of the woman, the inquest was adjourned for one month.

The Scotland Yard officials now are of the opinion that Crippen and Ethel Levey, his former stenographer and believed to have been his companion when he disappeared from his home on July 9, may be aboard the steamer Kroonland which is due at New York tomorrow night.

TRUCK RIGHTS GRANTED

North Bank Will Build Spur to Vancouver Dock Sites.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—A franchise down Ninth street to the city limits was granted to the North Bank road tonight by the Council. This is a move toward building a spur three and one-half miles down the river to a 25-acre tract owned by the railroad company and on which it is proposed to build a dock and wharves to transfer grain from trains to ocean-going vessels on the Columbia River.

The company also asked for a franchise to lay tracks from Ninth street to Franklin street, but this was laid on the table.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, July 18.—(Special.)—The following persons from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today: From Portland—At the Seville, O. M. Singleton; at the King Edward, G. C. Henriot; at the Manhattan, H. S. Woolley, A. C. Whidden; at the Welling-

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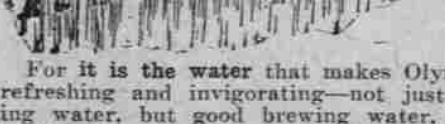
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