

COAST CITIES WILL TAKE HIGHER RANK

Relative Gain Is Largest on Pacific.

PORTLAND NEAR 20TH PLACE

Denver and St. Paul Likely to Be Left Behind.

LARGER TOWNS MULTIPLY

Lead of San Francisco Will Be Reduced Because Other Communities Have Grown—New England Holds Its Own.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 4.—When the tabulation of the returns of the 12th census is completed no section of the country promises to show in more favorable light than the Pacific Coast. Other states will show heavier gains in population and cities elsewhere will show greater actual growth during the past ten years, but considering the population as it stood in 1900, no state is expected to show larger percentage gains than those of the Pacific Coast.

San Francisco's Lead Reduced. Ten years ago there was only one really large city on the Pacific Coast, the new census will show six. San Francisco will continue to be the metropolis of the Pacific Coast, though how great will be its lead over the other cities of that section is not yet known. Certain it is, however, that this lead will be greatly reduced, not through the dwindling of San Francisco's population, but because of the enormous strides made by the competing cities, north and south. The competitors, in most instances, at least, are expected to show greater percentage gains than the city by the Golden Gate.

Portland Moves Up. In advance of the announcement of the official count, no definite statement can be made as to the present relative rank of the cities of the Pacific Coast, but, if preliminary estimates are approximately correct, all of the cities named will move up on the list, passing many that stood above them ten years ago.

For instance, if Portland shows a population of 223,000, as has been estimated (though the estimate is not official nor confirmed by the census bureau) it is likely to stand in about 20th place among the cities of the United States, instead of 42d, as it was in 1900. It cannot be said that Portland will actually be 20th; it may be a little above or a little below that point, but it will be in that neighborhood, and will occupy a much more conspicuous place than it held in the last census.

This calculation is based partly upon results thus far announced by the census bureau. It is believed that Portland's population will be in the neighborhood of 223,000. If that be true, Portland will be practically the same size as Providence, R. I., which, on final count, showed 224,326.

Denver and St. Paul Outranked. Likewise, if that estimate be correct, Portland will pass Denver and St. Paul, both of which ranked it by many thousands in the 12th census, for Denver has shown a present population of 212,381 and St. Paul 214,744. There are many other cities, yet to be tabulated, which will be passed by Portland in its race for position.

In assigning Portland a place somewhere around 20th rank stress is laid upon the supposed proximity of Portland's population to that of Providence, R. I. The experience of the census bureau has been that the cities of New England have moved ahead at a slow, steady pace, making increases in almost exact proportion to the normal gain of the country as a whole. It is presumed that the percentage of gain for the United States will be in the neighborhood of 20 per cent; the gain made by the city of Providence during the past decade was approximately 23 per cent. Ten years ago Providence stood 20th on the list of cities, and will not be many points above or below that place this year, if, indeed, it changes at all. Therefore, assuming that Portland will show about 223,000 people, it is to be presumed it will stand close to Providence, and hug the 20th mark closely.

Kansas City was 22d in size ten years ago. (Continued on Page 2.)

GERMANY DESIGNS NEW WARSHIP TYPE

SAME VESSEL TO HURL PROJECTILE OF THREE TONS.

Armor Will Be Light, but Speed Will Be High—Dreadnought to Be Made Obsolete.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—German naval designers are at work on a small type, battleship which the Vorwarts learns is expected to put the great Dreadnoughts into the obsolete class.

The new vessels will be lightly armored and very speedy. In general design they will be similar to the old Monitor. Their length will be 250 feet, breadth 46 feet and draught 15 1/2 feet, while the hull will extend 50 inches above the water line.

The armaments will consist of two 16.7-inch guns, each capable of throwing a projectile of 300 pounds from one great turret amidships. For explosives, gas motors, each of 600 horsepower, will give the vessel a speed of 19 knots an hour, and under forced draught 27 knots. Ordinarily heavy plate will be placed on the decks, turrets and sides of the new vessel.

Speaking theoretically, the designers assert that it would require only a three-ton projectile to penetrate and explode to tear up any Dreadnought, while the low freeboard and heavy armor of the new vessel would make damage by 12-inch guns difficult.

EUGENE IS PROSPEROUS

Commercial Club Shows 25 to 100 Per Cent Business Increase.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The publicity department of the Commercial Club, through Manager Freeman, has compiled a tabular statement of midsummer business conditions in Eugene, in comparison with July and August, 1909. They show in nearly every local line 25 to 100 per cent normal increases in volume of trade done in Eugene.

The gain in trade is accounted for on no other hypothesis excepting that Eugene's population is increasing this year at the rate of from 25 to 35 per cent. In the report, made up from a careful canvass in various lines, are leveled abnormal developments of the past 29 days. This includes the throwing on the local market of a \$25,000 stock of harness, hardware and leather goods, at cut rates—a stock that had been in circulation—and the only line that does not show average increase.

WAGON THROWS FOUR OUT

Quartet Tries to Occupy One Seat With Disastrous Results.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Four men rode on the front seat of Undertaker George Stutz's wagon coming from the cemetery today, with the result that, going down a hill, the vehicle rolled over, throwing the occupants on the highway.

Richard Ferguson, the driver, sustained a broken leg and Glen Grice's ankle was sprained. (Continued on Page 2.)

RIGHTS OF STATES IS LEADING TOPIC

Line Drawn at Conservation Congress.

WELL FULLY REPRESENTED

Older States Not So Keenly Interested in Subject.

TAFT WILL SPEAK TODAY

Governors to Hold Conference and Announce Views—Pinchot Indicates by Dumb Show That He Expects Fight.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 4.—Politics for and against "states rights" in the conservation of National resources held sway today among the delegates gathered here to attend the second National Conservation Congress which, beginning tomorrow, will continue until Friday night.

There will be addresses dealing with everything from water-power sites to conservation of bird life—plenty of them—but the real interest of the convention lies in the expected fight of the public land states for control of their own natural resources by themselves, rather than by the Federal Government.

West Fully Represented. Predictions are that there will be a fight in the resolutions committee and again on the floor of the convention. As to the relative strength of the two factions, nothing definite is obtainable tonight. The public-land states, it is said, will be represented by full delegations. Less interest is said to have been shown in the older states, where public lands are not a local issue.

According to present plans, the friends of National control of public resources will proceed as if there had never been a thought of state control. They do not intend to start anything. They admit that it will not be necessary.

California Is Divided. Governor Hay of Washington and a legion of others will attend to that at the first opportunity. On the opposite side from Governor Hay stands ex-Governor Pardee, of California, who held an impromptu reception in the lobby of the hotel tonight.

"About 90 per cent of California's waterpower, developed or otherwise, has (Continued on Page 2.)

MISS DROPS INTO OIL KING'S YARD

GUARDS CONFUSED WHEN GIRL AND PARACHUTE LAND.

John D.'s Rules Fail to Cover Case, Especially as to Red Tights, so Minions Bundle Lass Out.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Falling in her parachute, after a balloon ascension from Luna Park at 5:50 o'clock this afternoon, into a copse in the Forest Hill estate of John D. Rockefeller, Miss Gertrude Thomas brought confusion to the guards of the Oil King's little army.

The rule book with which the master of Standard Oil provides each guard failed to disclose any injunction as to the treatment of "girls in red tights," "girls in tights of varying color," or "visitors from the air." So Miss Gertrude, though dazed when the guards came upon her, was handled without ceremony—carefully, it is true, but still bundled beyond the iron palings which surround the woods of Forest Hill, and was left outside to find her way to consciousness and to Luna Park unassisted.

"A long, thin man found me," Miss Gertrude explained tonight when she finally returned to Luna Park. "I was too dazed from my landing to care what he did. He turned back when he got the first glimpse." Miss Thomas blushed here, for she herself suspected that the apparition of a pretty young girl, dressed only in red tights flying in the copse of John D. Rockefeller, might be enough to startle any watchman.

JUDGE NOT TO 'SCRAMBLE'

Vancouver Candidate for Re-election Will Not Make Campaign.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Judge Donald McMaster of the Superior Court of the district comprising Clark, Skamania, Klickitat and Cowlitz counties, who is a candidate for election will not "campaign" for the position, although three other candidates are reported to be making active canvasses. He said he did not think the judgeship was an office to be "scrambled" for.

Judge McMaster was appointed by Governor Hay to fill the unexpired term of Judge W. W. McCredie. The three other candidates are E. E. Vaughan and E. M. Green, of Vancouver, and E. C. Ward, of Goldendale.

PRINCESS MAY IS SALVED

Ship High Out of Water on Reef Makes Work Difficult.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 4.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Princess May, which grounded on rocks of Sentinel Island early in the morning of August 5, was launched from the rocks yesterday and was brought to Juneau by the tug Joffite today.

The Princess May will be taken to Esquimaux in tow of the Joffite Tuesday. The salvaging of the Princess May was a difficult feat on account of the peculiar position in which the vessel was held high out of the water on the reef.

STRENUOUS SUNDAY TIRES ROOSEVELT

People Refuse to Go Without Speeches.

ENDURANCE IS ASTONISHING

Likens Himself to Weller's Thanksgiving Turkey.

SHORT SERMON PREACHED

Saving Grace of Common Sense Is Extolled—"You Can't Do Much With Natural Born Fool," He Tells Hearers.

FARGO, N. D., Sept. 4.—After an all-day ride through parts of South Dakota, Minnesota and North Dakota, ex-President Roosevelt reached Fargo early tonight. The people of Fargo were waiting at the station for him and gave him a welcome, in spite of the fact that it was Sunday. It was after midnight when Colonel Roosevelt got to bed last night.

"Like Weller's Thanksgiving turkey, I am old and tough," said he, just before he retired, "but there are limits." Endurance Is Amazing.

Those traveling with him on his Western trip have been astonished at his endurance. He has attended breakfasts before 7 o'clock and dinners that lasted until late at night, and he has made so many speeches since he left New York that he cannot estimate the number.

But last night he admitted that he was tired. He instructed his secretary to send telegrams to towns through which he was to pass today, saying that as it was Sunday he would make no speeches whatever from the train.

The special train scooted across the eastern edge of South Dakota and Minnesota and for the first part of the morning Colonel Roosevelt enjoyed himself sitting in an easy chair and reading a book. Then the engineer slowed down for Marshall, the first stop. Colonel Roosevelt continued to read his book. There was a shout outside. A crowd closed around the rear platform.

Crowd Is Insistent. The Colonel's telegram had arrived, but the people had paid no attention to it. "Teddy, Teddy, come out!" the crowd shouted. "Let's see you."

The Colonel hesitated a moment. The shouts grew louder. He laid down his book. Some of the people saw him

TAILOR MADE RICH BARON OVER NIGHT

WAGE-EARNER FALLS HEIR TO ESTATE IN RUSSIA.

He Plans to Go Into Real Estate Business on Large Scale—But Not Until He Gets Cash.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—From the hard bench on a West Side tailor shop to an elaborately furnished real estate office with mahogany desks, real carpets and a corps of stenographers at his beck and call, is the sudden transformation in the life of Harold Price Donn, who came to Chicago two years ago, practically penniless.

His salary as a tailor was \$18 a week and he had to toil early and late to make it. Under the new arrangement, Donn will have the income from \$1,000,000 and the profits of the real-estate business. He proposes to engage on a large scale.

Today he received word from the State Department at Washington that a baronial estate in Russia had been inherited by his mother, now deceased, would be placed in the hands of reputable attorneys, and through other sources Donn learned he had been made principal heir to his mother's property, which is estimated to be worth in excess of \$1,000,000 after all claims have been met. As for the baronial estate, Donn does not care for the title and has no desire to return to Russia.

Donn tonight, in an interview, said he would not buy the mahogany desk and the carpets until he had his hands on the actual fortune. He will be at work on his bench promptly on time Tuesday morning and will hang his \$18-a-week job until his "ship comes in."

GRAIN MOVEMENT IS SLOW

Buyers Refuse to Pay Prices, Though Below Last Year's.

DAYTON, Wash., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Because buyers for Portland exporters refuse to stock up under present market conditions, few sales of grain were made here last week, although farmers are anxious to sell at existing prices, which are 2 to 5 cents below last year's opening. Yesterday's quotations here are given at 50 cents for barley, 77 for club and 85 for bluestem. Not over 500 bushels of wheat changed hands last week, and shipping receipts to Portland will not reach 10,000 bushels.

Conditions are exactly reversed from what they were at this time last year. Then prices ranged 10 cents higher. Dealers were anxious to buy and farmers were holding. Now dealers will not buy, farmers want to sell and the buyer is the master of the situation.

WEST POINT'S CREW SAFE

32 Men of Burned Steamer Picked Up After Much Suffering.

CAPE RACE, N. F., Sept. 4.—After much suffering the 32 crew members of the crew of the British freight steamer West Point, Glasgow for Charleston, S.

FLAMING METEOR DROPS AT MIDDAY

Oregon Cities Wonder at Phenomenon.

OCEAN IS ITS PROBABLE BED

Body Last Seen Near Horizon West of Astoria.

PORTLAND VIEW IS CLEAR

Scientist Thinks It May Have Been Larger Than Any Meteorite Ever Found by Man—Observers Agree as to Details.

What is believed to be a meteor larger than man has ever found was seen whizzing in a northwesterly direction through the skies at 12:20 yesterday afternoon. From many points in Northwestern Oregon it appeared with great brilliancy, despite the noonday glare of the sun, apparently wavered as it swept through the air, scattered a shower of flames in its path and left a trail of smoke that was describable for at least a minute after the meteor had passed from view.

The meteor is believed to have buried itself in the Pacific Ocean at some point west of Astoria, where it was last seen shooting westward and approaching the horizon closely. From Portland the meteor was seen in the southwest, apparently passing between Portland and Salem. Salem saw the great body in the northwest.

Autists Think It Near. Mount Angel reported seeing the body first in the north. From there it rushed westward until it was northwest of the town. During its flight it appeared to drop from an elevation of 90 degrees above the horizon to 50 degrees. A party of autists at Helveta on North Platte, just west of Portland, thought it passed close to them, as it first was seen in the southwest, passed apparently over their heads and disappeared over the horizon to the northwest.

It is a report from Astoria which seems to fix the striking place as somewhere in the ocean. This report says that the meteor appeared in the southern sky shortly after noon. It came from the east and passed about midway between the sun and the horizon, disappearing in the west. It is said to have appeared ever larger and brighter than an arc light, despite the sun's glare, and was in sight fully 19 seconds.

All reports agree as to the appearance of the body. D. D. DeCamp, living at the Westport apartments, said that at 30 minutes after noon he saw what appeared to be a drop of fire passing across the sky in the southwest. It left, he said, a trail of smoke which lasted more than a minute after the meteor had disappeared. It appeared to him to be almost a foot in diameter.

Head Emits Flashes. P. L. Ambler, postmaster at Mount Angel, reported seeing the same phenomenon. He said that the tail appeared about a rod long and the head seemed to shoot forth flames. He first saw it directly in the north, at an elevation of 60 degrees. Then it moved apparently west until it was in the northwest and had declined to a point above the horizon at a height of about 30 degrees. Mr. Ambler could see no smoke owing to the already smoky condition of the sky around Mount Angel.

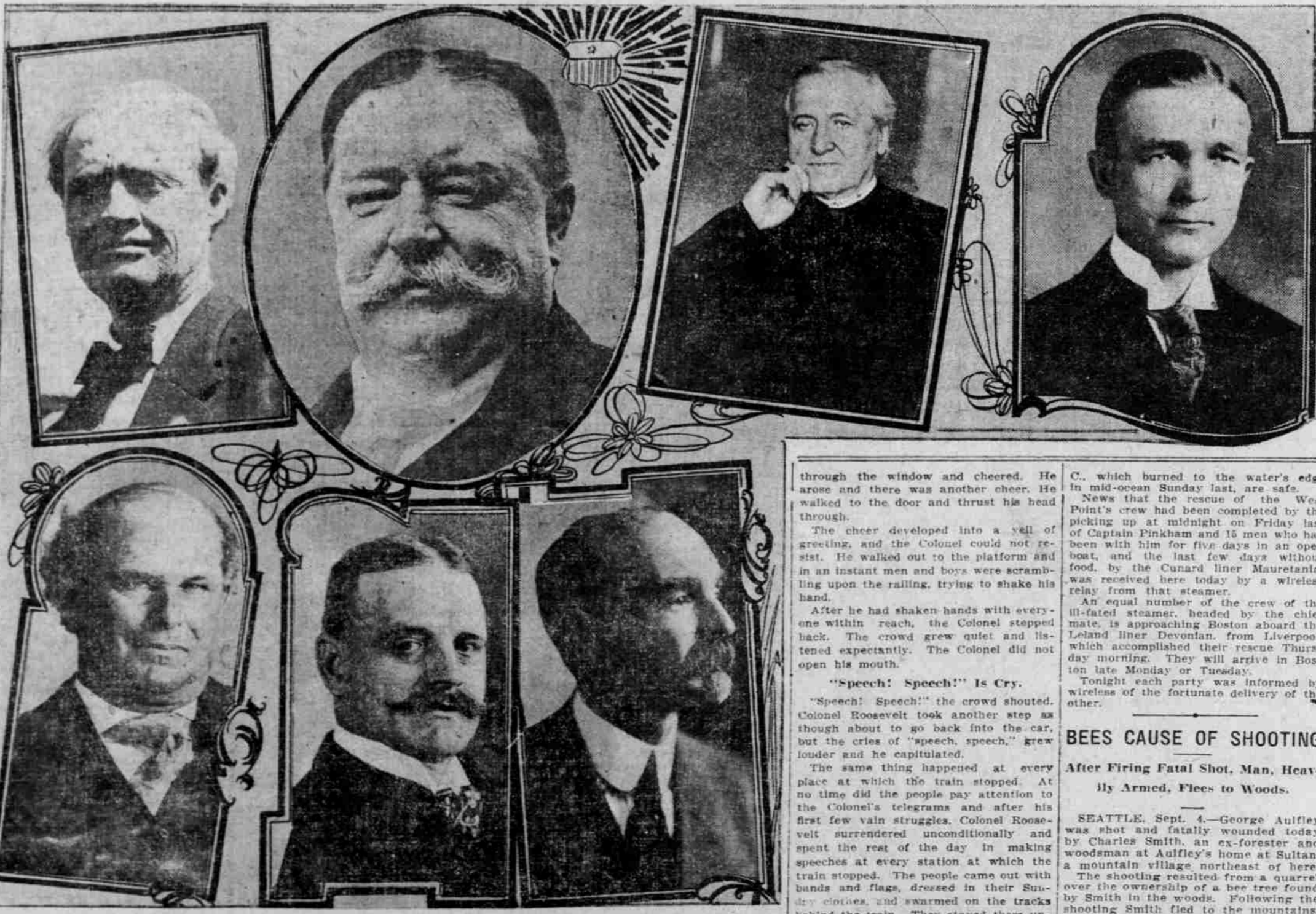
Scores of residents of Salem saw the same sight. The brilliant meteoric swept across the sky and seemed to disappear in a northwesterly direction. It is described as having a great brilliancy, despite the noonday glare. N. W. Clark, who saw it from the Craig ranch, adjoining Salem, described it as appearing in transit about the size of a peck measure and he believed that it was almost as brilliant in the bright daylight as if seen at night. A long streak of fire was seen in the wake of the body.

A party of autists consisting of J. E. Webb, Max Hagerstein and two others, all connected with the Ruth Trust Company, and Jack Harrison, chauffeur, reported seeing the meteor from the station of Helveta on the United Railways on North Platte, west of Portland. They saw the great body as a ball of fire of indescribable beauty. It appeared in the southwest, passed apparently over their heads and disappeared to the northwest. They declared that the smoke was visible fully three minutes and that the meteor itself consumed several seconds in its transit.

Height Estimated Five Miles. This meteor is believed to have been less than five miles above the earth as it swept over Oregon. Professor J. W. Daniels, head of the department of astronomy at the Hill Military Academy, made this calculation from the various reports as to its appearance. He said that it must have been of immense size, possibly weighing thousands of tons and being hundreds of feet in diameter.

"It must have been one of the largest meteors which is known to have struck the earth," said Professor Daniels. "In the first place meteors are usually so diffused by the time they have passed through the earth's 500 miles of atmosphere that they are not discernible in the day time. That this was so plainly (Continued on Page 2.)

MEN WHO WILL BE PROMINENT IN FIRST DAY'S EXERCISES AT CONSERVATION CONGRESS AT ST. PAUL.



ABOVE, GOVERNOR STUBBS, OF KANSAS; PRESIDENT TAFT, ARCHBISHOP IRELAND, GOVERNOR EBERHARDT, OF MINNESOTA—BELOW, THREE OF OREGON'S DELEGATES, WILLIAM HANLEY, DR. J. M. KEENE, H. C. ATWELL.

through the window and cheered. He arose and there was another cheer. He walked to the door and thrust his head through.

The cheer developed into a yell of greeting, and the Colonel could not resist. He walked out to the platform and in an instant men and boys were scrambling upon the railing, trying to shake his hand.

After he had shaken hands with everyone within reach, the Colonel stepped back. The crowd grew quiet and listened expectantly. The Colonel did not open his mouth.

"Speech! Speech!" is Cry. "Speech! Speech!" the crowd shouted. Colonel Roosevelt took another step as though about to go back into the car, but the cries of "speech, speech," grew louder and he capitulated.

The same thing happened at every place at which the train stopped. At no time did the people pay attention to the Colonel's telegrams and after his first few vain struggles, Colonel Roosevelt surrendered unconditionally and spent the rest of the day in making speeches at every station at which the train stopped. The people came out with bands and flags, dressed in their Sunday clothes, and swarmed on the tracks behind the train. They stayed there until the train started and followed it down (Continued on Page 2.)

C., which burned to the water's edge in mid-ocean Sunday last, are safe.

News that the rescue of the West Point's crew had been completed by the picking up at midnight on Friday last of Captain Pinkham and 13 men who had been with him for five days in an open boat, and the last day without food, by the Cunard liner Mauretania, was received here today by a wireless relay from that steamer.

An equal number of the crew of the ill-fated steamer, headed by the chief mate, is approaching Boston aboard the Leland liner Devonian, from Liverpool, which accomplished their rescue Thursday morning. They will arrive in Boston late Monday or Tuesday.

Tonight each party was informed by wireless of the fortunate delivery of the other.

BEES CAUSE OF SHOOTING After Firing Fatal Shot, Man, Heavily Armed, Flees to Woods. SEATTLE, Sept. 4.—George Auliffe was shot and fatally wounded today by Charles Smith, an ex-forester and woodsman at Auliffe's home at Sultan, a mountain village northeast of here. The shooting resulted from a quarrel over the ownership of a bee tree found by Smith in the woods. Following the shooting Smith fled to the mountains. He is heavily armed. Auliffe was preparing to leave tomorrow with his family for his old home in Kentucky. (Continued on Page 2.)