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## TAFT'S TRIP HAS BATTLE INTEREST

### Territory of Enemies Will Be Invaded.

### HE'S WITH PEOPLE, HE SAYS

### Tour Most Notable Ever Undertaken in "Off Year."

### MANY TOPICS SCHEDULED

### "Progressive" States Will Be Penetrated and President Will Tell Inhabitants He Will Aid Them in Struggles.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(Special.)—A week hence President Taft will set out on his way across the continent on one of the most notable political tours ever undertaken in a non-campaigning year.

Two years ago President Taft swung out to the Pacific Coast and back through the Southwest and Southern States, but that trip lacked the battle interest that will mark every mile of his forthcoming journey. This time, aside from going among the people as their President, he presents himself as a candidate for re-nomination and re-election.

Mr. Taft will traverse territory where there are Republican chieftains determined to wrest leadership from him if they can. They have anticipated his coming and are appealing to their following to repudiate his administration.

**Taft of People, He Says.**  
Into the "progressive" Central States, and farther West, goes the President to tell their inhabitants that he is of them and with them in the fight of the hour for all which is termed "progressiveness." His right to such a position is challenged by powerful statesmen, who at this time are characterized under the general term of insurgents.

If one will forget for a moment the personal end, let the thought penetrate that certain matters have been left undone and that it is the Taft programme to arouse a public sentiment which will force Congress to action when again it meets to fuss over changes in the existing law. It suffices to say that if such public sentiment is aroused to the point of effectiveness it is to be counted as an asset in President Taft's fight for continuance in his present high station for another term.

**Big Issues to Be Touched.**  
There will be big issues in the National campaign of next year, and they are to receive their preliminary handling from one side by President Taft in his big across-and-back tour. First, there is the tariff.

The passage of the Canadian reciprocity measure has made an issue, not between the Republicans and the Democrats, but between the Republican Administration and the opposing faction within the Republican party. It is true that "stand-patters" and "progressives" were banded together to defeat this reciprocity, but so far as the future is concerned, the political issue may be said to involve mainly the insurgent element and the Administration.

It is the President's purpose—rather his hope—to make the rank and file reach an understanding that what has been done in this line was for the welfare of the many, and he believes that experience will demonstrate the fatuousness of the fear that American farmers or any other class will be injured by the arrangement proposed.

**Verdicts Another Topic.**  
Then there are the verdicts of the piece-meal tariff revision measures passed at the recent extraordinary session of Congress.

These verdicts have raised a tremendously big issue. The issue is likely to be the paramount one of the campaign next year. They will be defended by the President on the ground that all tariff revisions following the Payne-Aldrich law—which he will defend only as a move toward real, scientific revision, the best that could be obtained at the time and under the previously existing conditions—should await the report of the tariff board, which at present represents in its operations the tariff commission.

The insurgent "progressives" contend that measures already voted involved needed tariff changes, and the President has joined issue with them on that question, and is about to argue it in detail before the great American jury.

**Referendum to Be Discussed.**  
Other supremely important topics which the President will take up between the rising and setting sun sections of the country are the arbitration treaties, which have been presented to the Senate, the statehood question with particular reference to the referendum and the recall, and the question of constructive legislation with respect to corporations.

In some speech on his trip Mr. Taft is going to tell his audience that to his mind a divorced man denied the right of remarriage where divorced and remarried in another state is committing bigamy.

The marriage yesterday of John Jacob Astor, a divorced man, who

## "WET" OR "DRY," UP TO MAINE TODAY

### BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT; FORECASTS VARY WIDELY.

### "No License" Forces Close Campaign With Unique Parades by 30,000 Children.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Estimates tonight on the vote tomorrow on the question of repealing the prohibition amendment are no closer together than yesterday. They vary from 5000 to 10,000 majority for repeal to an extreme of 12,000 for reaffirmation of the principle that has made Maine famous.

Both sides appear to be confident of success. Frederick G. Fassett, secretary of the Nonpartisan Local Self-Government League, composed of Democrats and Republicans who favor repeal, and his associates at headquarters feel certain that a substantial majority of the people, at least 5000, will declare against prohibition. On the other hand, George W. Norton, secretary of the No-License movement, also made up of Democrats and Republicans, says positively that the majority against repeal will be around 10,000. Both estimates are based upon the returns of canvassers.

The managers of the "wet" campaign in Portland look for a total vote of about 115,000. In Bangor, from which the campaign in Eastern Maine has been handled, the leaders do not expect a total vote of more than 100,000. The last day of the campaign was unique. In this city, Bangor, Augusta, Bath, Lewiston and other large places there were parades of children bearing banners inscribed, "Vote for us." More than 30,000 children turned out.

There will be a great demonstration in this city tomorrow, led by Mrs. Lillian N. Stevens, National president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

## TURMOIL STIRS HONDURAS

### Martial Law Declared as Result of Revolutionary Plot.

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Sept. 10.—It is reported here that martial law has been declared in Honduras.

Recently a gigantic revolutionary plot against the administration of Honduras was unearthed. Theodore Hernandez and M. Ugorta were arrested. Letters were found revealing the hiding place of a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

It was said that ex-President Davila, who was deposed by the revolution under General Bonilla, was implicated.

## ETNA ACTING OMINOUSLY

### Quakes at Brief Intervals Alarm People Living Near Volcano.

CATANIA, Sept. 10.—Mount Etna is showing a revival of activity. Two new craters have opened about 8000 feet above the sea level. A cloud of smoke is visible and ashes are erupted continuously.

Earthquake shocks at intervals of from five to 10 minutes are felt in all the surrounding villages, where the inhabitants are greatly alarmed.

## TORREON IS MADE SAFE

### Thousand Troops to Maintain Order on Mexican Holiday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Danger of trouble and disorder at Torreon, Mex., on the Mexican national holiday, next Saturday, need no longer be feared, according to a report to the State Department from American Consular Agent Corrothers, at Torreon.

He announces that 1000 Mexican troops have arrived at Torreon to preserve order.

## RARE TIME AWAITS AT BIG FAIR GATES

### Stylish Stock Is Shown in Stables.

### FINE EATABLES GRAM TABLES

### Great Exposition, Opening Today, Does State Proud.

### SALEM PRIMPS FOR CROWD

### Addison Bennett Tells of 1800 Folk Outside Ground in Tented Town and Their Mayor, Who Seems to Be Man of Some Renown.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.  
SALEM, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—As military standards before the dressing table in her boudoir and dabs a bit of rouge here, a dash of powder there, plasters an eyewinker with a splash of black, grabs a corset, a shoe and various other articles to the deponent unknown—to assemble herself, so to speak, so it is as the fifth Oregon state fair assembles "herself" for the morrow's opening.

The clans are gathering from far and wide, from near and remote, from Malheur to Clatsop, from Lake county to Willamette, they come—some singly, doubly, in platoons, companies and regiments—and still they come and will come to make the next six days memorable in the annals of Oregon.

And with them come the exhibits of all sorts and kinds. That great mortgage lifter, the cow, will be here with her great records of golden dollars poured into her owner's purse; great draft horses, coach horses, saddle horses, race horses, trotters, "side-wheelers" and runners—and more horses, young and old; and the hog, the hog that, properly fed and attended, can work such wonders of prosperity for the farmer; and old "biddy" and her chicks, the "old gray goose and gander," the ducks and turkeys and pheasants; the sheep and goats and mules and is there any livestock left in Oregon side from what is assembling and to be assembled at the fair grounds tomorrow? Yes, "a few." But there will be enough and to spare here. Let the beholder know that the Oregon farmer is "some punkin'" when it comes to raising and showing livestock.

**1800 Dwell in Town of Tenta.**  
And then the other exhibits—butter and cheese and honey-hams, shoulders and bacon. And jams and jellies and preserves! Gee! Let me say it over again backwards for emphasis—preserves and jams and jellies and jams! And hurrah for the Oregon jams!  
But why go into details. How can I diagnose the squeals and beats and bellows of the stock, or draw a parallel to the good things brought in by the famous housewives of Oregon?

But before you get to the fair proper, just after you cross the railroad track of the S. P. line, you come to a tested city, where 1800 campers will live and move and have their being and eat their "ham an'" and pork and beans this week.

And who presides over this tented city, this ephemeral center of civilization, this assembly—there! I have done it! Assemblages will pass muster, but in the newer lexicon of Oregon there is no such word as assembly, and far be it from me to suggest it.

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## WIDOWS FLOCK TO CALL

### Idaho School Superintendent Deluged With Applications.

WALLACE, Idaho, Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Do the widows in the Northwest outnumber the old maids? Miss Frances Wilson, superintendent of the Shoshone County schools, believes they do. Yesterday, after sorting over one year's postion of teacher of the Gordon district, where the trustees require a widow with four children, she felt her assertion was justified.

"Since it became public knowledge that these trustees wanted a teacher with four children of school age to add to their enrollment," said Miss Wilson, "I have been literally flooded with applications." Letters and telegrams have come from all parts of the Northwest.

Among these applications is one from a married woman with four children, who is willing to come with her husband from Eastern Oregon. In a postscript to her letter she asks in regard to the chances for a man. Another letter from one who wished to stretch the requirements, came from a Spokane girl of 18 years of age, who agreed to bring two brothers and two sisters of the proper age.

In the last few days the Gordon school has been given to a widow with six children. For her own services and for the services of the four whom she delegates as pupils to sit with the district's, she will receive a monthly salary of \$100.

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## COLLEGES RIBALD, MILLIONAIRE SAYS

### More Harm Than Good Done, Crane Finds.

### STUDENTS DRINK TO EXCESS

### Columbia, in Midst of Temptation, Called Worst.

### BEER RULES PRINCETON

### Wealthy Investigator Bitter as Result of Findings—Yale Clubs Have Tables in Barrooms, Is Accusation Made.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—R. T. Crane, millionaire iron manufacturer, made public today an arraignment of the big universities of the country. He charges alarming prevalence of drinking and gaming among the students. Columbia, he ranks the worst, but conditions at Harvard, Princeton and Cornell, he declares, are almost as bad.

Of the students at Harvard, 90 per cent drink in their freshman year; 95 per cent in their senior year; and 15 per cent of them go irrevocably to the bad, according to the report of an investigation which Mr. Crane caused to be made. Mr. Crane has spent much time and money investigating the results of higher college education. So bitter is he in consequence that he declares colleges do more harm than good.

**Heavy Drinking Common.**  
"An outsider can scarcely realize the amount of drinking that goes on in the clubrooms of the colleges," says Mr. Crane, in his report. "Referring particularly to Harvard, I estimate the number of students who combine in a mild degree wine and bad women, 65 per cent; who drink heavily, 35 per cent; and who have two or three 'bats' a year also 45 per cent."

"I do not doubt that even worse states of affairs exist in other colleges. At Princeton, it is beer, beer, beer. The body of students in my mind drink even more than Harvard men. On one occasion I believe there must have been more than 300 students dead drunk."

"At Yale drinking is recognized in so great a degree that clubs have their tables at barrooms. I was never so shocked in my life as when I found New Haven the dissolute, debauched and whisky town that it is. Some time ago the statement appeared in a New Haven paper that there were 2000 fallen women in that city."

**Cornell "Great On Beer."**  
"At Cornell the conditions are somewhat the same, although I believe Cornell students do not carry their excesses so far as do boys at Princeton, Yale and Cambridge. The Cornell boys are great on beer, as are also the men at Princeton."

"At Columbia, I believe, there exists more debauchery than at any other college, on account of its nearness to the famous resorts of the city. If further proof be necessary, let me quote from a letter received from E. C. Mercer, who is a special secretary of the Association of Colleges of North America, and who is following this matter up for the association, which shows that it has taken upon itself the work of reforming college men."

"He is delivering a lecture entitled, 'The Problem of the College Man.'"

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## NINE WIDOWS SIT AT BIRTHDAY TABLE

### HOSTESS IS 76, AND AGES OF ALL TOTAL 625 YEARS.

Two Daughters of Mrs. Sarah J. Hastings, of Vancouver, Bring in Old Friends to Surprise Her.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Nine widows, five of whom were wives of Civil War veterans, and whose combined ages totalled more than 625 years, were guests at a dinner today, given in honor of the 76th birthday of Mrs. Sarah J. Hastings, by her two daughters, Mrs. Mary Moore, of Portland, and Mrs. Rachael Cox, at Mrs. Cox' home, 413 West Thirteenth street. The party was a complete surprise to Mrs. Hastings, who had expected only a visit from her two daughters. An elaborate dinner was served, no one except the nine widows being seated at the table. All were pioneers of the country and each had known all the others before their husbands had died. It was a jolly party, and many were the amusing stories told of the long ago.

Mrs. Hastings received many presents from her widowed friends, and all passed a happy day. The widows present were: Mrs. Sarah Jane Hastings, guest of honor; Mrs. Priscilla Sparks, Mrs. Nancy Goodrich, Mrs. Freelove Claver, Mrs. Isaac Dieterich, Mrs. S. E. Campbell, Mrs. Lucinda Burt, Mrs. R. A. Munn and Mrs. Martha Huff.

## T. KRUSE NOT THEODORE

### Theories as to Whereabouts of Missing Man Fall Again.

With the discovery that the T. Kruse who was in Glenwood Springs, Colo., September 4, was not Theodore Kruse, the hotel man who disappeared from Portland August 21, more mystery has been added to the case. The man named T. Kruse, of Portland, was in Glenwood Springs, September 4, and left the same day for Denver. Upon request of G. C. Larm, manager of the new Carlton Hotel here, Manager Arroll, of the Colorado Hotel at Glenwood Springs, went to Denver to trace Kruse. He reported yesterday in a letter to Mr. Larm that he found T. Kruse there but he was not Theodore Kruse. He reported that he was a traveling man and that he made his headquarters in Portland.

Philip Gevurtz, who had a number of business dealings with Kruse, says he still believes Kruse will return.

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**CATHOLICS MAKE READY**  
Archbishop Says Organization Is Hope of Church Here.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The Catholic Church is preparing to meet the same adverse conditions in the United States that it has in France and Portugal, according to a statement by Archbishop Quigley, in an address today before the sixty-fifth annual convention of the German Catholic Central Verein.

"Organization is the hope of the Catholic Church here," he said. "The question confronting the organization is what to do about the dangers now threatening Christianity in this country. In France and Portugal the Catholic Church was persecuted because the Catholics were not organized."

## BEATTIE SINGS MERRILY

### Convicted Wife-Murderer One of Musical Trio in Jail.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 10.—Between puffs of the perpetual cigarette, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., who was sentenced to pay the penalty of wife murder in the electric chair November 24, tonight was gayest of a trio of singers at the Chesterfield County Jail.

## STRIKE LEADERS' PLANS ARE MADE

### Recognition Still to Be Insisted On.

### NO WAY TO PEACE IS SEEN

### "Public Will Suffer" Unless Kruttschnitt Yields.

### THREAT MADE BY KLINE

### Advisory Committees Entrust General Officers With Conduct of Affairs—Fair Warning Will Be Given.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Unless Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president and director of maintenance of the Harriman lines, recedes from his absolute refusal to recognize the Federation of Shop Workers or its committees on these lines, he will be confronted with a strike. No reason for believing that he will recede has been found by labor leaders here.

General advisory committees of the five international shopcraft unions which are comprised in the federation met here today at a three day conference with the international officers of those unions. The general officers were entrusted with full charge of the situation henceforth, and International President Kline, of the Blacksmiths and Helpers' Union, their appointed spokesman, said that the general officers had made up their mind what they would do.

**Unions Still Insistent.**  
"Mr. Kruttschnitt will have to make concessions," said Mr. Kline tonight, "or the illo, for which he has expressed so great regard, will suffer because he does not."

"Will the general officers ask for another conference with Mr. Kruttschnitt?" was asked.

"That is not in our present plan," he replied. "We are going to Los Angeles tonight, and may find some way of approaching the subject again, but none has occurred to us so far."

"Recognition of a federation of unions involves no principle that is not included in recognition of individual unions, already conceded by the Harriman lines and no principles not already utilized in the formation of the Harriman system itself. It is our right and we shall insist upon it."

**Just Has No Terror.**  
Asked concerning the prospect that the Federal statutes against combinations in restraint of trade may be invoked against officers of the international unions, he said:

"When we took office we took all responsibilities of the office. If these include going to jail, we will go to jail."

Fair warning, Mr. Kline said, would be given to the Harriman officials in case a strike is called.

From Los Angeles Mr. Kline will go to Salt Lake and East to Chicago, stopping perhaps at Omaha. Other international officers will cover the southern routes of the Southern Pacific Railroad, meeting the men at railway centers en route.

**EASTERN OUTLOOK HOPEFUL**  
Machinists' President Thinks That Strike Is Not Imminent.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Members of the executive board of the International Association of Machinists, who met here today to consider the advisability of a strike of the Federated shop employees of the Illinois Central Railroad, deferred decision until a full meeting of the board which will begin a session at Davenport, Iowa, tomorrow.

James O'Connell, international president of the machinists, arrived here today from Washington and conferences with members of the machinists' board and representatives of the committee of international officers of the Illinois Central Federated unions were held. President O'Connell and several other members of the machinists' board conferred later.

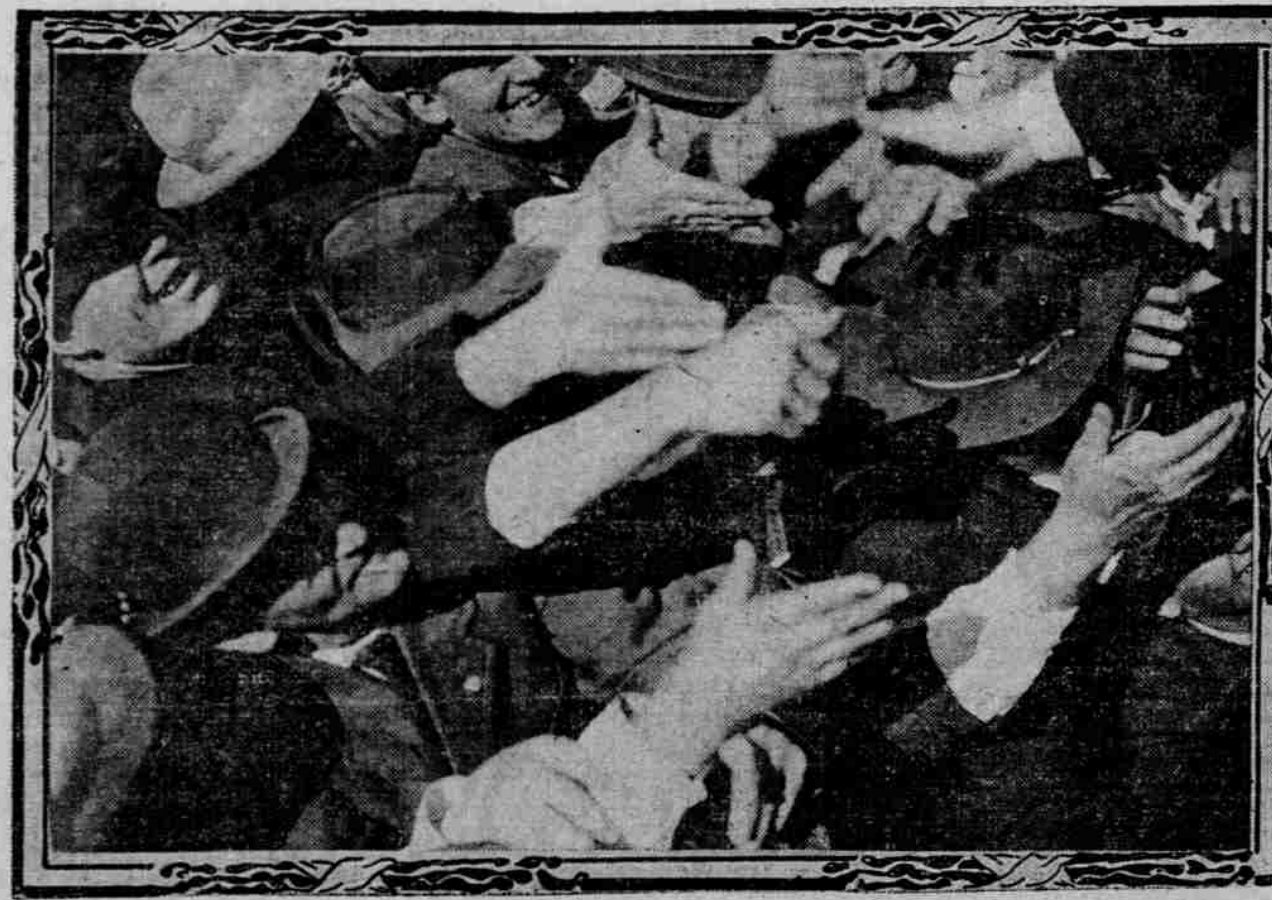
"We reached no finality in the matter," said President O'Connell today. "It was decided that the full board should pass on the advisability of authorizing the strike of the machinists who are in this Illinois Central Federation. The full board will meet tomorrow in Davenport, where our National convention will be held September 15."

"Is there any probability of an immediate strike?" President O'Connell was asked.

"My best judgment would be," he said, "that there is no immediate danger of a strike."

"Is it probable that the executive board will refer the entire matter, insofar as the machinists are concerned, to the convention?"

"That is likely," President O'Connell answered. "The main question which the machinists' international convention may be called on to determine is whether a strike of local unions in a new Federation should be authorized, inasmuch as these locals already are recognized through their international unions, which have working agreements with the Illinois Central."



SNAPSHOTS OF THE PRESIDENT ON MIXING TOUR, AND OF CROWDS OF ADMIRERS.