



TAFT URGES LEASE PLAN FOR ALASKA

Semi Self-Governing Body Favored.

SEATTLE CHEERS PRESIDENT

Part-Elective, Appointive Administration North's Need.

CANAL PREDICTION MADE

Executive Confides to Bellingham Folk That Waterway May Be Ready in 1913—Newspaper Men Hold Chinook Reception.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 9.—President Taft faced here tonight one of the largest and by far the most enthusiastic and responsive audiences he has met on any of his recent travels. He was greeted with prolonged cheers and constantly was interrupted with outbursts of applause.

The President discussed a variety of subjects, including the relation of government to business, the tariff veto and Alaska, the latter subject of vital interest here. He declared that Alaska should have at least a semi-self-governing body. Two years ago Mr. Taft advocated here a straight commission form of government for the territory, declaring the population not stable enough for a full measure of self-control.

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Lease System Favored.

"I see no more reason for government ownership in Alaska, however, than elsewhere. We should introduce there the same limitations as to the disposition of the public domain as to the rest of the country. "As for myself, I favor the leasing system. It has proved a success in Australia, New Zealand and Canada. What you want is a condition of ownership that will attract capital. Some people have an idea that you can drive capital where it does not want to go. But if anything has wings, if anything is sensitive, if anything won't go where it does not want to go, it is capital.

Inducement is Offered.

"Under a leasing system you offer an inducement to capital to go in. Let's try it. I am not insistent, but it does seem to me to be the best way. The profits to the Government from the leasing system could be turned back into the treasury for its further development."

Representative Humphrey, who introduced the President, declared the people of the Pacific Coast, "from British Columbia to California are for Mr. Taft."

"And," he added, "they are only waiting for a chance in the campaign soon at the polls to say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter for four years more.'"

Trust Law Important.

In discussing the Sherman anti-trust law Mr. Taft said he was just as much bound by his oath to enforce that statute as the law against counterfeiting. The Supreme Court, the President declared, has decided that business must go on under the old system of competition or not at all. He spoke against decrying a business simply because it was prosperous, declaring that there should be every encouragement to thrift and industry so long as it was conducted along legitimate lines.

Following his address at the Armory, the President was escorted to the rooms of the Seattle Press Club, where a lively programme of songs and speeches, headed by the Chinook Jargon, was presented to the great delight of the President, who did not understand a word of the Indian language except the frequent use of the word "Tee Taft." "Tee" meaning chief. The President, as an ex-newspaperman, was elected a member of the club and made a speech on "His Brothers of the Craft."

Night Spent "Ashore." This was the President's fourth night "ashore" since he left Beverly, September 18, to begin his swing around the globe. In 23 days he has been out, the President has granted himself "shore leave" over night from his private car only at the Cape, Marquette, Mich.; Omaha and Seattle. He stayed at a hotel tonight. In spite of the hardships of constant travel, he has stood the trip well and is looking fit and trim.

Mr. Taft spent the day traveling south from Bellingham, Wash., a little more than 25 miles from the Canadian line, to Seattle. He stopped at

BUFFALO COATS GO TO HIGHEST BIDDER

GOVERNMENT WILL AUCTION LONG-STORED GARMENTS.

Demand for Rare Furs by Autoists is Expected to Bring Good Returns at Seattle Sale.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Within two weeks there will be ten genuine buffalo coats, the kind the Government used on the Northwestern plains in the days of Indian campaigns, for sale at the United States Quartermaster's department in the Arcade building.

The Government has had them stored for many years, but they are in excellent condition and are just as they were in every way when the Government bought them from the wholesalers.

The coats will be sold to individuals bidding the highest price for them. A minimum of \$25 a coat has been fixed, but there is no question that they will bring much more than that figure, for they will be in great demand by automobilists.

The Government has 4300 of the coats on hand and most of them will be sold in New York City, where they are stored. These coats are believed to be the last in existence.

GALE BLOWS RIVER BACK

Thousands of Fish Left Helpless and City Isolated.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—One of the most severe falls winds known in this region in many years gripped the city yesterday and caused considerable damage. Telegraph and power lines were put out of commission. Dreamland dance pavilion was wrecked, signs were blown down and destroyed and the waters of Link River blown back into Upper Klamath Lake, leaving thousands of fish foundering in the river bed helpless, so that men were able to pick them up.

Warden L. Alva Lewis notified 22 men to quit the practice and consider themselves under arrest. Where 10 feet of water usually flows from the river into the canal which turns the water wheel for the Klamath Falls Light & Power Company, people walked yesterday. Lack of current stopped the picture show, ice cream makers and others who use motor power.

The Western Union wires were down and the city was incommunicado to the outside world.

DELEGATES BAR SPOOKS

Spiritualists Decide Convention Must Not Be Interrupted.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 9.—Spirit rappings, dancing tables and other psychical manifestations are barred in the annual meeting of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States, which began a few days' convention here today.

Business sessions are to be held in the morning and afternoon and messages will be received in the evenings.

SHIP COMES BACK AS IF FROM GRAVE

Bravery of Skipper and Mate Save Steamer.

WOMAN NEARLY LOSES LIFE

Cyclonic Gale All but Sends Vessel to Bottom.

WATER SURGES ON DECKS

Loss of Part of Cargo Gives City of Panama Heavy List—Officers Defy Storm, Righting Craft. Port Reached at Last.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—With the starboard side of her saloon smashed in, steering gear disabled and a crowd of unnerved passengers, one of them a woman, the wife of Professor Juan Carpio, of the University of California, lining her rails, the Pacific Mail steamer City of Panama, which departed from this port early last week, returned this morning after a battle with the elements in which the vessel barely missed being sent to the bottom.

For 25 hours the City of Panama was laid on her beam ends off the Southern California coast, while a cyclonic gale, of the sort experienced only once in a decade, sent the seas tumbling over the ship and struck terror to the hearts of all on board. Much of the cargo stored on deck was swept overboard during the storm and her decks and the starboard rail were continually under water.

Woman Nearly Drowns. Alone in a stateroom on the after-deck, Mrs. Carpio was awakened in the early hours of the morning by a sea that came crashing through a weakened bulkhead, drenching her to the skin and filling the room with water. In the darkness she scrambled out of bed, only to collapse on the floor. Panic-stricken, she cried out in the night for assistance and succeeded in bringing the ship's steward and mate to her rescue in the nick of time. A minute later and she would have been swept overboard. Strong arms gathered the little woman up and carried her to the main deck, where she remained in fear until the storm had spent its force.

It was shortly before midnight on October 2, that the wind began to blow and the gales began to fall. It blew from all points of the compass, and catching the City of Panama helpless.

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REFERENDUM PLAN CALIFORNIA ISSUE

ARGUMENTS OF SUFFRAGISTS TO BE SETTLED TODAY.

Proposed Recall Amendment Includes Judiciary and State Officers—Governor Leads Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Twenty-three amendments to the state constitution will be voted upon tomorrow throughout California. Suffrage is the issue of chief interest, with the initiative and referendum and the recall next in order for consideration. Governor Hiram Johnson has personally led the fight for the latter two proposed amendments and has made speeches throughout the state.

Union square, in the heart of San Francisco, was a seething mass of enthusiastic suffrage workers and auditors tonight. Five open-air meetings were in progress at one time, Miss Lillian Nordica drawing the largest gathering.

Other speakers were Helen Hoy Greeley, of New York City; Miss Helen Todd, representing the factory workers of Illinois; Rev. Charles Aked, formerly of the Fifth-Avenue Baptist Church, New York City; and J. Scott Wilson, Socialist Mayor of Berkeley, Cal.

The recall amendment includes the recall of the judiciary. It provides that 20 per cent of the electors can seek to recall any state officer, a majority vote being necessary to make the recall effective.

The proposed initiative and referendum would take the initiative of legislation out of the hands of the Legislature, permitting 3 per cent of the electors to propose laws or constitutional amendments to be voted upon at the general or special elections.

OREGON PENSIONERS LEADING

Washington Has Most Pensioners; This State Gets Most Money.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—A study of the rolls at the pension office discloses the fact that while the state of Washington has the largest number of pensioners of any Western state and Montana the smallest number, those of Oregon receive by far the greatest amount of money.

Following are the totals for six Western states, showing the number of pensioners and the total annual amounts paid:

Washington	11,005	\$ 182,094
Oregon	8,239	1,380,902
Idaho	2,395	438,954
Utah	3,110	190,888
Wyoming	985	162,687
Montana	258	404,817

NORTHERN PACIFIC ELECTS

Lamont and Baker Succeed Perkins and Cochran on Board.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Thomas M. Lamont, one of J. P. Morgan's partners, and George F. Baker, Jr., were elected directors of the Northern Pacific Railway today to succeed George W. Perkins and Alexander S. Cochran, resigned. Mr. Perkins is a former partner of Mr. Morgan. Mr. Cochran, it was said, resigned mainly on account of ill health. The directors re-elected all their former officers.

CONTINENT RACE NAILS REFUGEE

Head of Counterfeiting Gang Caught.

MAN THOUGHT HIDING HERE

Officials Believed Criminal Lurked Near Pacific.

PORTLAND BANK VICTIM

As Albert Leon, Russian Jew, is About to Sail From New York, Secret Service Men Make Catch. Coast Flooded With Paper.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—After a search across the continent and up into British Columbia, the Secret Service operatives today captured Albert Leon, a Russian Jew and political refugee, as he was about to leave New York for South America.

Leon is alleged to be the head of an extensive counterfeiting gang which has flooded the Pacific Coast with spurious \$10 bank notes during the last year.

The Secret Service was advised today that Leon was alleged to have perfected a process by which he photographed the face of a note that looked so much like surface printing that many experts declared it to have been printed from an etched plate.

Pals Caught in Chicago.

Two of Leon's alleged confederates, Rudolph Swanson and Fred Marneek, were arrested in Chicago two weeks ago, charged with passing counterfeit money.

Leon arrived in this country about three years ago. He took up a section of land at Beaumont, near Los Angeles, Cal., where it is believed the first spurious notes were made. In December, 1910, he went to Nookta Island, British Columbia, and it was charged that most of his counterfeit work came out of his plant there.

The notes of these National banks, it was alleged, were counterfeited by Leon.

Portland Bank's Note Faked.

The Riverside National Bank, the First National Bank, Yuma, Ariz.; First National of Orange, Pasadena, Cal.; Pasadena, Cal. National Bank; First National of Williamsport, Pa.; El Centro, California, National; First National of Portland, Or.; National Bank of Commerce, Wichita, Kan.; Anglo and London, Paris National Bank of San Francisco; Illinois National of Springfield, Ill.; Blair County National of

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CONVICT BUYS OWN TICKET TO PRISON

WITH COMMITMENT HE GOES ALONE TO WALLA WALLA.

Lewiston Junction Man Unwilling to Wait for Penitentiary Guards Boards Train.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—What is believed to be the first case on record of a man buying his own railroad ticket and going to the penitentiary with his own commitment in his pocket and asking to be taken in to serve a term in that institution, occurred today at Colfax, when Eugene Ray, of Lewiston Junction, left Colfax for Walla Walla with a commitment of from six months to 15 years for receiving stolen property.

Ray was convicted of receiving stolen wheat at Lewiston Junction. He appealed to the Supreme Court, which affirmed the decision recently. Since his conviction Ray has been out on bonds. Last night he came to Colfax and announced that he would surrender and go to Walla Walla. Rather than wait for a guard to come after him, he bought his own ticket for Walla Walla this morning.

With the commitment he started for the penitentiary without a guard. He was due to reach the penitentiary at 8 o'clock this afternoon and is passing his first night there. Ray was not locked in jail at Colfax last night, as he is still under bond.

SPRING WHEAT'S YIELD 9.7

Crop Report Shows Production 200,367,000 Bushels.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—The October crop report of the Department of Agriculture issued today shows:

Condition of corn, 70.4; acre yield, 23.8.

Production of Spring wheat, 200,367,000 bushels.

Buckwheat, condition, 83.4; acre yield, 15.6.

Potatoes, condition, 62.3; acre yield, 79.7.

Flax, condition, 68.4; acre yield, 3.1.

Apples, condition, 57.

Spring wheat, acre yield, 9.7; quality, 78.9.

Winter wheat, production, 455,143,000.

All wheat production, 655,515,000; acre yield, 12.6.

Oats, production, 873,641,000; acre yield, 24.8; quality, 84.6.

Barley, production, 146,561,000; acre yield, 20.7; quality, 84.6.

Rye, production, 30,677,000.

Hay, production, 45,989,000 tons.

23,000 VOLTS DO NOT KILL

T. E. Andrews Has Triple Escape From Death—Artery Bursts.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—T. E. Andrews, an employe of the Klamath Falls Light & Power Company, some days ago was on the roof of the transformer-house trying to cut a piece of tin roof with his hatchet. Holding the tin with his left hand, he struck with his right, at the same time raising his right foot to balance himself. His foot struck the transmission wire, carrying 23,000 volts.

Fortunately Andrews did not get a full contact, but his right foot and left hand were burned badly and he fell 14 feet to the concrete floor.

He was improving until this morning, when an artery of his burned hand burst and he lost about a gallon of blood.

Willard Miller grabbed Andrews' wrist and held it tight 10 minutes pending arrival of the doctor. Andrews was to have gone to his work Wednesday, but cannot do so now. He considers that he has had three narrow escapes from death, the voltage, the drop and the blood-letting.

JOHN D.'S CHURCH STRIKES

"Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" Not Nonsensical, as Wilson Says.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The congregation of the First Baptist Church here, which John D. Rockefeller attends, placed the seal of its approval last night on the hymn, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," which Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, recently declared was too "ambiguous and nonsensical" to retain a place in the hymn book.

A vote was taken after the pastor, Rev. Arthur T. Brooks, as soloist, had sung the hymn from the pulpit, and the congregation was apparently unanimous in declaring that the hymn should not be placed under the ban.

Mr. Rockefeller, with his family, attended the morning service at the church when Dr. Brooks announced his intention of asking for a vote on the hymn. The oil magnate nodded approvingly.

"BACK TO LAND," IS LOGAN

International Catholic Body Has Plan to Aid Congested Cities.

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 9.—"Back to the land," is the slogan of the International Catholic Colonization Society of America, recently formed with the aim of relieving congestion in crowded cities of the United States and increasing the rural population of Canada and of the United States. It is the intention of the association to bring people not only from the United States but from Europe, colonizing them in Catholic colonies.

Of the European immigration to the United States 23,000 are members of the Catholic Church.

A location in Canada has been inspected and approved by the heads of the international organization extending along the Canadian Northern Railway from Watson to Dana, Sask. The tract includes several thousand acres.

BEAVERS CLINGH "CRUCIGAL SERIES"

Portland Wins 5 Games Vernon but 3.

DOUBLE-HEADER IS DIVIDED

Beavers Victorious in Afternoon; Lose in Morning.

CLUB FACES ANGELS NOW

McCredie's Men Will Remain in Los Angeles to Engage Dillon's Team While Villagers Meet Oaks—Oregonians in Lead.

STANDING OF LEADERS.

Portland	Won. Lost. P. Ct.
Portland	105 72 .594
Vernon	113 72 .558

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—After losing the morning game because of the precipitate and unlooked-for slump of Pitcher Seaton in the sixth inning, the Portland Beavers concluded the stirring series with Happy Hogan's Vernon Tigers by shutting out the enemy this afternoon. "Speck" Harkness flung the finale of the engagement, shutting out the Village lads. The score was 3 to 0. The morning score was 4 to 2, in favor of Vernon, as already related.

Ushered in last Wednesday by the hoarse cries of 15,000 fans, augmented by a din generated from almost every known noise-making device, the series which disclosed the real leader of the Pacific Coast League was concluded today before 5000 persons—fans convinced that McCredie's baseball machine is superior to Hogan's but still loyal to the erstwhile Happy. The crowd last Wednesday cheered with the exuberance born of belief that the Villagers would get the Beavers' "goat," the crowd today cheered both teams a concession which proved that Los Angeles had been "shown" the superiority of Portland.

Portland Captures Series.

Portland won five games of the series. Vernon won two regularly scheduled games and the postponed game played this morning, making the total for the six days five to three in favor of land.

Portland is now two games and a fraction ahead of Vernon in the race for the league flag. Beginning tomorrow, Portland will play a series here with Los Angeles, while the Vernon club will wrestle with the Oakland club on the latter's home grounds for a week.

Manager McCredie believes Portland has the pennant in its grasp. "We'll win easily now," he said tonight. The fortunes of the week have not entirely subdued Hogan, the Village general. "I'll win that pennant yet," declared Happy, as he hopped on the train for San Francisco.

Beavers Are Jubilant.

The Beavers are feeling jubilant for their decisive victory over Vernon stamps them as the better of the two clubs, and every man feels that he is a member of the Pacific Coast League champions for 1911. The result of this series does not mean that Vernon has lost the flag yet, for Portland is slated to hook up with the Los Angeles club this week, and three of Dillon's best twirlers have been resting here for an entire week. Deihl, Nagie and Hall did not make the Sacramento trip with the Angels, and Happy Hogan has offered each Los Angeles pitcher who beats Portland a bonus of \$25.

When the Portland players learned of Hogan's offer before the game today they joshed Hap unmercifully.

"Offer them a couple of hundred, Hap, they'll have just as much as Hogan," they said.

"We made you enough money last week to buy them all automobiles," shouted McCredie to Hogan.

No "Cluck" Ahead.

The coming series with Los Angeles will not be a "cluck" for the Beavers. Portland has lost both series played here with the Angels so far this season. The Angels won the first series by taking four of seven games, and the next time the two clubs met in Angelstown Dillon's warriors won five of seven games played, so Portland will have another hard week if precedent is followed, and much of McCredie's pennant chances will depend upon what Oakland does to Vernon.

Discussing the Vernon club's chances, Happy Hogan said before he left for San Francisco:

"My club has been handicapped all week by the absence of Johnny Kane and Hoop, both of whom would have made a great difference in the club's showing had they been able to play. My club has beaten every other team in the league except Portland, and McCredie has been lucky all the time in catching my team when it was crippled.

Hoop and Kane to Play.

"We will beat Oakland this week and the last week of the season we meet Los Angeles. We had it on both of those teams all the time and we

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GREAT CROWD HEARING PRESIDENT TAFT AT WALLA WALLA LAST SATURDAY. ABOVE, TAFT IN HIS VARIETY. (THE LARGE PHOTO BY TWEEDY & REYNOLDS, WALLA WALLA. PORTRAIT AT EXTREME RIGHT COPYRIGHTED BY MOPPITT.)