



## TAFT IS WELCOMED

Portland Extends Greeting to Secretary.

## MAKES FRIENDS EASILY

Hon. T. B. Wilcox Entertains Visitor Who Addresses Monster Crowd.

## ADDRESS IS NON-POLITICAL

Judge George H. Williams Introduces Him at Luncheon—He is Enthusiastically Greeted and Without Doubt Could Get Support of Oregon Republicans.

PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Secretary of War Taft and party en route to the Philippines, spent today in Portland as the guest of Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Oregon Development League. This is Taft's first visit to the Pacific Northwest and his stay in Portland today was made the occasion of several pleasant attentions to distinguished statesman and his party.

The Secretary was the guest of Mr. Wilcox at a luncheon given in the Portland Hotel and 50 of the most prominent professional and business men of Oregon also being guests of Mr. Wilcox on this occasion.

It did not require any effort to release the enthusiasm which prevailed at the luncheon and when T. B. Wilcox introduced the first speaker, Hon. Geo. H. Williams, the former attorney-general of the United States, there was a spontaneous burst of applause, as the aged but still hearty pioneer of Oregon arose to extend welcome to the Secretary of War.

Judge Williams explained that he had known intimately 14 Presidents of the United States and he hoped, bowing to Mr. Taft, to know 15.

The judge said he had known another Secretary Taft in a business and social way.

Judge Williams said he did not propose to deliver a political speech, but as Secretary Taft later said "He was close that, if he wasn't that," and if his remarks had been made on the floor of a national convention Taft at least would have been placed in nomination.

Few speakers in Oregon can hold an audience as can Judge Williams who is 84 years of age. The conclusion of his remarks was greeted by prolonged hand clapping.

Former Senator Gearin also spoke interestingly and promised Taft if he returned to Oregon in another capacity he would welcome him none the less hearty. Taft was apparently in unusually fine humor and delivered an address replete with wit and logic. His free delivery, his easy manner captured the audience.

Taft said he was firmly convinced the time had come when the country was tired of the plethora of millionaires, and of their influence upon governmental and public affairs, and it had been demonstrated and could further be shown the business of the nation could be run on the principle of a "square deal" to everyone and especial privileges to none, be rich or poor. That, he said, had been the principle of the present administration and would be with the Republican administration to come. He expressed confidence in the ability of the people to rise up and regulate whatever abuses might exist and said people had done this before and would do it again, if the occasion offered.

"Government and the people are in control," he said, "they are deaf to the criticisms and machinations of the powerful and arrogant combinations of

capital, and they are equally deaf to threats, so freely uttered by powerful demagogues."

Tonight Taft is speaking under the auspices of the Oregon Development League addressing over 5000 people at the Armory. It was the first time the vast majority of the audience had ever heard him and his address was listened to with unusual interest and he was frequently interrupted by applause.

Mr. Taft's speech at the Armory was devoted to a minute resume of the history of the Panama Canal and its progress.

His address was non-political and non-partisan.

## LOOKING FOR SON.

After 30 Years Mrs. Conner Remembers She Has Child in New York.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The police have been asked to look for William Henry Babineau, who is employed somewhere in Brooklyn as a bartender.

The Information Bureau at local Police Headquarters received a letter this morning from Mrs. Anthony Conner, of Fitchburg, Mass., who says she is his mother and wants to find him.

Mrs. Conner, twenty years ago, lived in Brunswick, Nova Scotia, with her two children, Mary Jane, ten months old, and William Henry, 2 years old. She was a widow and very poor.

The girl was given to a family in Rogersville, Canada, and the boy was adopted by a family in Halifax. This was twenty years ago. Mrs. Babineau married again and lost track of her children.

Three weeks ago the daughter, who married a prosperous business man named Protou, of Rogersville, was passing through Fitchburg, Mass., and accidentally met her mother, whom she believed dead.

A happy reunion followed, and then inquiries were made for the son.

The mother and daughter heard he was in Brooklyn working as a bartender.

## WRECK ON ROCK ISLAND.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Meagre information at the offices in this city on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad state that 11 were killed and seven injured in a wreck near Norris, Iowa, today.

## TO BURN HOSPITALS

Where Cases of Bubonic Plague Have Existed.

## ARE ALL WOODEN BUILDINGS

People of San Francisco Are Satisfied With the Way the Government Has Taken Hold of the Plague Situation and Confidence Has Been Restored.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The board of health today recommended to the board of supervisors that the city and county hospitals which have sheltered a number of plague cases be burned.

The supervisors will hold a meeting tonight when they decide what action is to be taken in the city and county hospital which is a collection of large frame buildings and it has long been planned to demolish them.

The announcement that the marine hospital service is to take charge of the plague situation is regarded as an assurance the progress of the disease will be stopped in short order. Dr. Rupert Blue, who has been assigned to direct the campaign had charge during the former appearance of the plague and has the confidence of the entire community.

## LOVER'S VICTIM DIES.

ONTARIO, Cal., Sept. 6.—Miss Julia Keyes, the 17 year old daughter of Geo. Keyes, secretary of the Cucamonga Water Company, who was shot in the back by a jealous admirer, William Motzinger, who afterwards committed suicide, died at the home of her father yesterday.

## IS BARING HOLD-UP

Masked Men Terrorize Pullman Passengers.

## GIVE UP POCKETBOOKS

Three Men Rode as Passengers on Car But Suddenly Display Guns.

## GUNS COVER THE CONDUCTOR

Hold-up Men Try to Enter Sleeper But it is Locked—Jump From Train After Collecting Valuables and Escape—Detectives and Bloodhounds Give Chase.

OMAHA, Sept. 6.—The Omaha and Texas Express on the Rock Island was held up today near Murdock. Robbers, who were passengers on the train, arose from the seats shortly after leaving Murdock, their faces covered with masks and with revolvers in each hand, covered the passengers. The leader ordered everybody to keep still and not resist or they would be shot.

The men went down the aisles with hats in their hand, while a third kept the passengers covered. All the passengers were ordered to throw their pocketbooks into the hats and this was done.

A conductor appeared in the car with a pistol in his hand, but was promptly covered by four guns and forced to drop his revolver.

After getting all the money in the car the robbers jumped from the train which had slowed down for a grade.

An attempt was made to enter the sleeper, but it was locked.

Pursuit is being vigorously prosecuted by railroad detectives and a sheriff's posse with bloodhounds.

## DIG UP MORE INDICTMENTS.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The Federal Grand Jury returned an additional indictment against the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads, the Standard Oil Company and Vacuum Oil Company. Each indictment contains 58 counts.

## HALF CROP OF ORANGES.

Bartow Paper Says That is About the Correct Estimate.

BARTOW, Fla., Sept. 6.—The Courier-Informant says of the Florida orange crop:

"At this season of the year there is always a great deal of speculation as to the outcome of the orange crop. Buyers are abroad with their interested statements of a good crop and all sorts of plausible reasons for low prices. Others, perhaps, equally interested on the other side, predict a small yield; and between the two, the ordinary grower, who does not keep fully up with the times on such matters, is sorely puzzled to know what to think or do.

"Various and widely different estimates have been and are, still being made, on the present year's crop, and we feel that it is our duty to our readers to sift these estimates and furnish them, as far as can be done, information that can be relied on. This we intend to do, from time to time as the season advances.

"It should be borne in mind that last season's orange crop was a little less than 2,750,000 boxes, and that the percentages named in the various estimates for this season are based on these figures.

"The Florida Orange Growers' Co., organized at Plant City recently, found it to be the consensus of opinion of a large number of the best informed men in the state on this subject that the crop would be about 52 per cent, or very little over half of last year's crop. Other authorities estimate as high as 60 per cent, but those who make the high estimates are generally vague and indefinite in their statements, and judge from the crop in limited areas rather than from a view of the entire field, or they are buying and of course interested in depressing prices."

## TWO GET DEATH SENTENCE.

KLEV, Sept. 6.—A court martial today sentenced the mutineers of the 21st battalion which on June 17 killed the commander of the 3rd company, fired volleys at random and were not subdued until surrounded by five battalions of loyal troops. Two of the prisoners were condemned to death, seven were sentenced to imprisonment in the mines and the rest received lighter punishments.

## DECISIONS NEXT WEEK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The Associated Press is informed that the Supreme Court intends handing down a decision regarding the writs of prohibition of those indicted in the bribery graft cases early next week.

## TO ADMIT TIMBER FREE

An Irrigation Congress Amendment.

## IS FATHERED BY RAKER

Resolution is Loud in Its Praise of Rooseveltian Reclamation Policy.

## THE SESSION IS SPIRITED

National Irrigation Congress Also Favors Cutting Timber From Reserves to Maintain Forest Service—Next Session at Washington, D. C.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 6.—The National Irrigation Congress today adopted a report of the committee on resolutions as presented by its chairman, ex-Governor Pardee, of California. There is an endorsement of Roosevelt's policy of reclamation, irrigation, forest preservation, and the conservation of resources.

The departments having big work in hand are endorsed. There is a recommendation that the government only charge enough for timber cut from the forest reserves to pay for the maintenance of forest service.

The Irrigation Congress is asked to make every effort to have the Seventeenth session of the Congress held in Washington, D. C., at the same time the National Congress is in session and provides for a committee of five to promote the matter. Protection is also asked for the beet sugar industry and aid for work of irrigation, reclamation, preservation and conservation.

The report was adopted as a whole after a spirited discussion on the amendment, which Judge Raker, of Modoc County, Cal., sought to have added. This was made a special order for tomorrow morning.

Judge Raker's amendment asked for the removal of duty on timber coming into this country.

Willott M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, delivered a very interesting address on "Country Life Education for the New Sections."

The convention then adjourned until tomorrow.

## WITHHOLD STATEMENTS.

Railroad Presidents Meet in Chicago and Hold Back July Business.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The presidents of several railways met at the hotel today to discuss the new law under which railroads have been forced to charge to operating expenses certain sums heretofore charged to construction account.

One or more of the railroad presidents is said to have talked over the long distance phone to Roosevelt's secretary at Oyster Bay.

It is stated that a number of railroads are holding back July statements because of the showing they are compelled to make under the law.

## ARGUMENT ON DEMURRER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—Judge Lawler heard arguments today on the demurrer interposed by the defendants to the bribery indictments returned by the Oliver grand jury against Calhoun, Maullaly, Ford, Abbott, Drum, Desabia, and Martin, of San Francisco; the Gas & Electric Light Company, and of Ruef and Schmitz.

## WOULD EXPEL CLASS.

Plebe Cadets May be Dismissed Dishonorably.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The "silent treatment" given a "plebe" at West Point, it is stated in dispatches received here, has resulted in a clash between the plebe class and the commandant at the Military Academy. Colonel Robert Lee Howze which threatens to deplete the supply of U. S. Army officers four years hence, for Colonel Howze issued an order two days ago to the effect that unless the cadet was relieved entirely of the "silent treatment," he would dishonorably discharge the entire class.

A cadet, the son of a wealthy Chicago man, is the young man around whom the trouble centers. He is a plebe, and it is stated received the "silent treatment" not only from his own class, but from the cadets in the other classes because of a complaint he is alleged to have made when he was mildly hazed by a fellow classmate.

The cadets, it is understood, have determined to remain firm in their attitude.

## HUMMEL A WRECK.

May be Unable to Testify in Coming Trial of Harry K. Thaw.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—"Abe" Hummel's physical and mental condition is such that the date for the second trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White cannot be set. He is not able to testify. It is doubtful whether he will rally sufficiently while in the penitentiary to make a competent witness, and the state may never again be able to rest its case against the Pittsburgh orderer on the testimony of the little lawyer.

## GO BACK TO WORK.

ANTWERP, Sept. 6.—Work was resumed on all steamers where 4000 strike breakers were employed.

## WHEAT MARKET

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Wheat, December, opened 99 1-4, closed \$1.02 1/2.

## WILL INVESTIGATE

Metropolitan Company Fails to Produce Books.

## SPECIAL GRAND JURY GRANTED

Attorney Bonaparte Obtains Order Granting Jury But District Attorney Jerome Will Not Say What he is Going to do With It.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—District Attorney Bonaparte today obtained an order for a special grand jury in addition to the regular grand jury. Jerome has not announced his purpose further than to say that the present business required a special jury.

This was the course he followed in investigating the insurance cases. Unusual interest in his action is displayed because William M. Ivins who is investigating affairs of the Metropolitan Street Railroad declared yesterday he intended to call the District Attorney's attention to the fact that books of the company have been destroyed, preventing the disclosure of some of the mergers through which that company passed.

Ivins said he would ask Jerome to proceed against the company if he found there was any violations of the penal code. The time limit set by the public service commission to produce books other than those destroyed, expired today without the compliance by company, which is resisting the order.

## YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

At Portland—Portland 5, Oakland 1.  
At Spokane—Spokane 9, Vancouver 2.



Uncle Sam—Good-bye, Prince! My 400 are certainly getting on to the wrinkle of entertaining princes.  
The Crown Prince of Sweden leaves the United States about September 8.  
—News Item.