DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT IS ENGAGED

Miss Ethel to Be Bride of William Phillips, One of Boston's Bluest Blooded—Announcement Probable After Easter.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Boston, Feb. 27.—Formal announcement of the engagement of Ethel Roosevelt to William Phillips of Boston, third assistant secretary of state, is expected by friends of both families here, right after Easter. News that such an engagement already exists reached Boston today and while no denial was made of it no one would go so far as to admit the facts. Nevertheless no secret was made of the truth that the White House debutante is enshared in Cupid's net. The pronounced attentions of Mr. Phillips to Miss Roosevelt have been for months the topic of society small talk in the capital. Phillips is a grand-nephew of Wendell Phillips and a son of Mrs. John C. Phillips, one of the wealthiest Boston society leaders. She is at present living in Washington, where the whole family has been entertaining Miss Roosevelt.

When Ethel Roosevelt entered the White House she was but a child in abbreviated dresses and "pig tails." Less than two years ago she blossomed forth as "Miss Roosevelt," a demure, self possessed society belle who knew right well her place and how to take it. She is still so young, however, that the family is unwilling to have the betrothal formally announced.

Bluest of Boston Blood.

Mr. Phillips is a Harvard man and a member of the Tennis and Racquet club and other exclusive clubs. In Harvard he was always prominent in social affairs and was a member of the Institute of 1770, the Dickey, the Delta Phi, Porcelain, Signet and Hasty Pudding clubs. He belonged to the Harvard memorial.

Miss Roosevelt, the bride to be, was 20 last July. This, her last social season at the White House, has been one continued social triumph, for she is fully as popular as was her older sister, Alice, now Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. She had her "coming out" last winter and Mr. Phillips was one of her distinguished special guests on that occasion.

Ethel Is Called Beautiful.

While Alice Roosevelt was the daughter of the White House Miss Ethel was kept more in the background. She wore short skirts, wore her hair in "pig tails" and went to the Cathedral school in Tenallytown Road. She was only biding her time. She is known as the most beautiful of the Roosevelt girls. She is straight as an arrow and carries her head high. Her face is full of animation, her hair is light and her eyes are blue. She is athletic and a great chum of her father, who delights in her daring and accomplishments.

Miss Martha Phillips, Secretary Phillips' sister, is Miss Roosevelt's most intimate girl friend in Washington. Miss Phillips and her mother have given many social affairs in honor of Miss Ethel this winter and the whole Phillips family, including Mrs. Boiling, who was married a year ago last June at the family country estate, Marine Farm, Beverly, were the only Boston guests on these occasions.

Phillips' Record.

Mr. Phillips entered the state department from the third year law class in Harvard. He was once second assistant secretary of the United States legation at Peking. Later he was an assistant secretary to Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, in London. While Mr. Phillips was stationed in London his mother and sisters occupied a stylish house there and the two beautiful Boston girls were presented at court and figured in a'l of the most brilliant social affairs of that London season.

Mr. Phillips entered the state department in 1903. He was sent to the embassy in London. Here he was so successful and capable that he was promoted to the more prominent station in China.

In 1907 he became a clerk in the department at Washington, where he has gained new laurels and his further rise in diplomatic affairs is confidently expected by his friends and admitted by his superiors.

MESSAGE ON NEW NAVY

President Says It Means Merely Civil Power's Supremacy.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—A final report of the naval committee on reorganization of the navy was sent to congress today by President Roosevelt in a message explaining the full accord of the reorganization with the American policy of the supremacy of civil over military power. President Roosevelt said:

"Nothing drastic is recommended in the bureaus or other agencies by which the purely business affairs of the navy will be now administered. They are simply brought under control of the secretary of the navy in such a manner as to secure greatest action with least effort."

"The recommendation of the creation of the two councils, the secretary's general council and his military council, are based upon the fundamental and all essential proposition that a navy exists and ought only to exist for war and war alone, for the efficiency of the navy in securing and guaranteeing peace depends absolutely upon the evident efficiency for war."

The report of the commission, which, President Roosevelt says, will necessitate another commission to make its recommendations effective, provides among other things for the retention in its entirety of the present bureau system, but with an additional personnel. Its powers but not its duties have been curtailed.

Five divisions are recommended under the secretary and assistant secretary as follows:

First division, in charge of a civilian and having supervision of yards and docks.

Second division, chief of the division of naval operations as principals military adviser to the secretary and to be flag officer.

Flag officers are to be chiefs of the third, fourth and fifth divisions, which are the personnel, inspection and tecnical division, respectively.

The chiefs of the five divisions are to form the secretary's general counsel. The chiefs of the second, third and fourth divisions are to form the military council, of which the chief of naval operations is to be the sole responsible adviser.

Ninety per cent of the writing papers used in the United States are the product of Massachusetts mills.

UPPER RIVER INVASION AROUSES THE RAILROAD

New Tariff of the Open River Transportation Company Effects Great Saving to Shippers — Benefit of the Celilo Portage Road Made Apparent.

Every attack made by the railroads and their allied interests upon river transportation and the Celilo portage road is answered simply and irrefutably in the rates quoted in the new tariff of the Open River Transportation company issued yesterday and which is to go into effect tomorrow between Portland and Pasco, Kennewick and Lewiston.

These rates are to apply on freight carried by river steamers from Portland to Big Eddy, on the portage road from Big Eddy to Celilo and from there by steamer to the upper river points, so they are the water rate from Portland to the upper river, made possible by the portage around the Celilo rapids afforded by the state portage road.

As shown in the tariff there is a net saving on freight between Portland and Pasco of $3 a ton over the rate charged by the railroads.

Between Portland and Lewiston the saving varies from $2.40 a ton on fifth class freight to $5.60 a ton on second class, and $5 on first class.

Two Steamers On the Route.

The Open River Transportation company, which is a line of river steamers operated primarily for the benefit of the people of Oregon and not as a money-making venture, has completed two steamers for service between Celilo and Pasco, Kennewick and Lewiston. One boat will go in the Celilo-Pasco service this week and the second will be added March 15. It is the first time since the completion of the Celilo portage road that direct competition has been offered the railroads into what they have considered their own private preserve—the Lewiston and upper Idaho country and the attacks upon the portage road made by Harriman and his agents are regarded as being particularly suspicious on that account.

Up to the present time the competition between the rail and water routes has been between Portland and The Dalles—which is a territory placed on the water basis by the Cascade locks. The season just opening is the first to see a regular line of steamers on the upper river. The commencement of operation of this line is marked by a particularly bitter fight upon the Celilo portage on the part of the Harriman interests.

Great Saving on Freight.

What is regarded as the real reason for this attack lies in the figures comprised in the Open River company's tariff. They show that with but one boat a week operating between Celilo and Pasco and carrying 200 tons of freight, there would be a saving of $31,000 in one year in freight now paid the railroad company. Last week the steamer Inland Empire made a trial trip from Celilo to Pasco. She carried 200 tons of freight and saved to shippers $600 on those 200 tons. With one boat every three days the saving will be enormous.

A comparison of freight rates via the Open River steamers and the O. R. & N. company between Portland and Pasco is illuminating. The first class rate by rail is 97 cents, by water 82 cents; second class, by rail 81 cents and water 66 cents; third class, by rail 68 cents and water 52 cents; fourth class, by rail 58 cents, by water 43 cents; fifth class, by rail 46 cents, by water 31 cents.

Between Portland and Pasco the rates are first class, by rail, $1.35; by water, $1.10; second class, by rail, $1.20; by water, 92 cents; third class, by rail, 95 cents; by water, 78 cents; fourth class, by rail, 80 cents; by water, 67 cents; fifth class, by rail, 65 cents; by water, 53 cents.

Better for Shippers.

Another important feature of these rates is that the minimum weight on all carload classes and commodity rates is 20,000 pounds as against the railroads' 40,000. This minimum weight of 10 tons is especially advantageous for wholesale shipping from Portland and the extreme cheapness of the rates will make it profitable to ship freight for inland points by water to the nearest shipping point and thence to the interior by rail, notwithstanding the enormously high local railroad rates leading from river points.

The actual saving in freight rates per ton between Portland and Pasco is $3. Between Portland and Lewiston the saving on first class is $5, second class, $5.60; third class, $3.40; fourth class, $2.60; fifth class, $2.40. With the enormous business of eastern Oregon, Washington and western Idaho brought that much nearer to Portland the benefit that the people of this city will receive commercially can scarcely be overestimated, it is thought. That it will allow Portland to successfully compete with Spokane and other neighboring cities for the business of that section of the country seems indisputable.

MEMORY OF ROBERT EMMET IRISH PATRIOT TO BE HONORED MARCH 1

Elaborate Celebration of His 130th Birthday Anniversary Planned.

Monday evening, March 1, the Irish Americans of Portland, will meet in the W. O. W. hall, 128 Eleventh street to do honor to the memory of Robert Emmet, the best loved and noblest son of the Emerald Isle. Of all the names dear to the hearts of Irishmen none is more loved or more honored than that of the purest patriot of whom history tells.

Robert Emmet was born in Dublin, March 4, 1778. He was a student at Trinity college but is 1798 left that institution and joined the society of United Irishmen, and thereafter devoted his few remaining years to the cause of Irish independence. He visited France, met Napoleon, who was then in the first flush of his ascendency over continental Europe, and it is said was promised by the First Consul the assistance of France in the struggle for Ireland's independence.

Emmet returned to Ireland confident that his country would soon be free from English rule. He did all in his power to organize a revolution. He converted all his property into cash and generously gave it to the revolutionary cause. Only a handful of insurgents assembled on the day appointed for the uprising and these were joined by a noisy rabble, which soon degenerated into an uncontrolable blood thirsty mob. Lord Kilwarden, Rev. Wolfe and Colonel Brown were murdered by the mob, while the daughter of Lord Kilwarden was rescued and borne to a place of safety by Emmet, who did everything in his power to arrest the savagery of the rioters. Losing all control of the mob Emmet and the other leaders left them and fled to the hills.

Emmet might have escaped, but he refused to quit Ireland without saying farewell to his sweetheart, Miss Sarah Curran, and in making an effort to see her he was arrested. He was charged with high treason, tried and executed. The following beautiful lines by Moore depict the feeling of Emmet's betrothed on this event:

"Oh! what was love made for, if 'tis not the same
Thro' joy and thro' torments, thro' glory and shame?
I know not, I ask not, if guilt's in that heart,
I but know that I love thee whatever thou art!

"Thou hast called me thy angel in moments of bliss,
Still thy angel I'll be 'mid the horrors of this—
Thro' the furnace, unshrinking, thy steps to pursue,
And shield thee, or save thee, or perish there, too."

Moore, who was the intimate friend of Emmet at college, says of him: "Were

Robert Emmet.

I to number the men among all I have ever known who appeared to me to combine in the highest degree of pure moral worth with intellectual power, I should among the highest of the few place Robert Emmet."

Emmet's speech from the dock is a masterpiece of eloquence and its pathos has caused the shedding of tears by thousands of schoolboys wherever the English language is spoken.

At Monday night's meeting the following program will be rendered:

Opening remarks by the chairman, R. B. Sinnott; vocal solo, "Killarney," Miss Nona Lawler; talkalogue, "It Is to Laugh," J. Louis MacEvoy; violin solo, Miss Julia Burke; song, "My Irish Queen," Fred Bischoff; Emmet's speech from the dock, W. J. McGinn; vocal solo, "I'll Take You Home, Kathleen," Gregory Morris; address of the evening, "E. S. J. McAllister; vocal solo, "Faded Roses," Angela May; recitation, "Fontenoy," E. J. Quillinan; vocal solo, Frank D. Hennessy.

ALF SHRUBB IS AFTER LONGBOAT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Alf Shrubb, the English runner, departed for Toronto this evening, where he hopes to arrange with Tom Longboat for another race. Since his victory over Dorando in their 15-mile race Thursday night, Shrubb has received many offers to take part in races from five to 25 miles, but says he prefers to meet Longboat again and declares he will never leave America until he forces the Indian to give him another chance. Dorando is already in the Canadian city, where he will run Fred Meadows of Guelph a 12-mile race at Riverside rink Tuesday night.

HARD BLOW AT "MORAL SQUAD"

Chief Gritzmacher has put an end to raids made upon anonymous "tips" telephoned the police station. An order was read to the second relief last night in which the chief declared emphatically that officers should use their own judgment before making a raid on the strength of a tip, as the motive which prompted the tip was sometimes questionable.

As practically all the raids of the so-called "moral squad" have followed the receipt of telephone tips at headquarters, this practically means the end of "moral squad" raiding outside of notorious lodging houses and was so understood by the officers.

BROTHER CHARLEY BACK TO BUSINESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, is resuming his place in the world of business that he vacated last fall when he first cast his eyes on the senatorial toga. When Taft became a candidate for United States senator, he arranged his business affairs that the charge of corporation connection would not be brought against him. The first big company he left was the Columbia Gas & Electric company, which controls the gas and lighting system of Cincinnati and other Ohio cities. He was a director of that corporation and owned much of its stock. But he sacrificed it on the altar of his ambitions and retired from the directorate.

Then he withdrew from the official boards of several big companies, including the company that operates the Ohio river bridge at this city. But it was all for naught, as Taft was finally compelled to withdraw from the race for senator in favor of T. C. Burton.

"AMEN CORNER" DINNER AT WALDORF HOTEL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 27.—The full strength of the New York Republican machine was represented tonight at the annual dinner of the Amen Corner held at the Waldorf hotel, with President Roosevelt and Governor Hughes as the main targets for the shafts of members' ridicule. A bitter personal controversy, by proxy, between Boss Charles F. Murphy of Tammany and Senator Pat McCarren of Brooklyn, occurred. The fun was fast and furious. Among the guests, Senator-elect Root, Frank H. Hitchcock, Thomas F. Ryan, Senator Depew and Tim Woodruff were prominent.

McGinnity Released.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 27.—Joe McGinnity, the veteran pitcher of the Giants, known throughout the baseball world as "the Iron Man" today received his unconditional release from the New York club.

PEN POINTS VERSUS A SWORD

Captain Rush Wells, Son of Brigadier General Almong B. Wells, Files Suit for Divorce Against His Authoress Wife.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The pen and the sword never did go together, so Captain Rush Wells, troop I, Fourteenth cavalry, son of Brigadier General Almong B. Wells, retired, who is at the Presidio has filed suit for a divorce from Leila Burton Wells, a writer of army tales, daughter of Brigadier General H. Burton, retired, accusing her of having deserted him in August, 1907, while he was serving with the Eighth cavalry in the Philippines. Mrs. Wells is at her father's home in Redlands and the army is wondering why she wrote "finis" and closed one of the prettiest romances in the army, and why Captain Wells is determined to blow "taps" over his five years of married life and give up the cosy "married quarters" and go back to the Bachelors' club.

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Wells is now living with her father, General G. H. Burton, a retired army officer, who occupies a handsome residence at 976 Elden avenue. Mrs. Wells was too much distressed tonight upon learning of the steps taken by Captain Wells to explain the cause of her estrangement from her husband, and General Burton told her side of the story.

Spite Work, Says General.

"Captain Wells, in bringing the suit in San Francisco, must have been moved merely by a feeling of spite," said General Burton. "My daughter has already commenced proceedings for divorce. Her suit was filed at Redlands about seven months ago. When the case was called Captain Wells secured a continuance on the ground that he wanted more time in which to find an important witness.

"My daughter was married to Captain Wells five years ago in Washington. She went with him to the Philippines, but returned to this country about two years ago, finding it impossible to live with her husband.

"He was cruel to her. By that I do not mean that he was guilty of violent abuse, but he was perpetually irritable and quarrelsome. His disposition, naturally unamiable, was made worse by steady drinking. He was not in the habit of becoming intoxicated, however. His drinking merely served to bring out with unpleasant prominence, the faults in his disposition.

Disliked Philippines.

"Finding conditions under which she was living in the Philippines intolerable, my daughter left her husband and came home. He had been apprehensive for some time that she would leave him. Before going to the Philippines Mrs. Wells visited us and Captain Wells seemed to fear that she would not return to him. Apparently filled with this uneasiness it was his custom to write my daughter long letters, in which he would promise to overcome his various faults. Even after she left him in the Philippines he tried to induce her to return to him. He sailed for this country a few months after Mrs. Wells came back and lost no time in beginning his efforts for a reconciliation.

"He was in Redlands when my daughter's suit was called for trial and I understand that he made the declaration that he would contest the case to the end. But as he had no witnesses it seems probable a decree would have been granted Mrs. Wells, had Captain Wells not secured a continuance. The case is still pending at Redlands."

FEARS OCTOPUS WILL WIN OUT

Government Foresees Partial Defeat in Trial of Standard Oil.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The government foresees at least partial defeat in the present trial of the Standard Oil company of Indiana. None of the attorneys connected with the prosecution will discuss the case, but from unquestionable sources it is learned that if the government prosecutes conviction on more than one half of the 36 alleged offenses the result will be a surprise. The claim of counsel for the defendant that but one offense was committed, is regarded as a possible rule to be adopted by the court and one that has to be combated at every point. Attorney John S. Miller will next try to have the indictment quashed. The government would not be surprised if such a motion would prevail, since the bill seeks to make separate offenses of many acts which the circuit court of appeals said were insufficient to constitute offenses. If convictions are obtained on all 36 counts it is not believed the jury or court will favor infliction of the maximum fine in each case.

The opposing opinions held by the lawyers are that the company will escape through the quashing of the indictment, that it will not be fined for more than one offense with either a maximum fine of $20,000 and a minimum of $1000 possible, but that a compromise between the two is probable; that the company may be convicted on all counts and fined a maximum of $720,000. This last result is not regarded as probable. Lawyers here point to the present status of this case as indicating that no more flourishing prosecutions of "malefactors of great wealth" are likely to follow for some time.

BEN WILLIAMS WILL REPRESENT OREGON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Feb. 27.—Ben Williams of Eugene won the tryout for the interstate oratorical meet by one point over Thomas Townsend. His oration was "The Dawn of Peace." Williams is a junior in the university. He will speak against Idaho and Washington men in May.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE KILLS FIVE PERSONS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, Feb. 27.—It was announced today that in the earthquakes which shook Calabria today, five persons were killed while several houses collapsed.

BOWLERS AT SMOKY CITY

Greatest Indoor Meet Ever Known in America—To Close March 20.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—The ninth annual tournament of the American Bowling congress, the most gigantic indoor event ever held in the United States, opened here tonight in the presence of thousands of bowlers, with speeches of welcome by Mayor-elect William A. Magee and Public Safety Director E. G. Lang and the dedication of the alleys by August Herrmann, president of the congress, of Cincinnati.

Tonight 40,000 visitors are in the city and this number is expected to be augmented by at least 30,000 more.

From now until the night of Saturday, March 20, when the congress will close, the eyes of every enthusiast in America will be turned upon this city. The entry list is the largest on record, and the prize list exceeds anything ever offered for efficiency in the favorite game. Pittsburg has 2730 entries, an increase of 137 over Cincinnati's big record last year. Pittsburg excels Cincinnati with 17 more five man teams, 31 more two man teams, and 69 more individual bowlers. Cincinnati offered $24,000 in prizes. Pittsburg will give $25,000.

Only the local and suburban teams are competing in the opening games tonight. Besides the A. B. C. there are three other organizations in the field, the National Bowling association, the Middle West Bowling association and the Canadian Bowling association. Naturally it follows that all produce champions. The various honor winners in the four will meet here and continue competition until champions of the champions are made.

In the competition the ladies, also, are not overlooked by the A. B. C. and during the third week there will be several matches for them. Special match games have also been arranged, the biggest of which is the New York-Chicago for $500 a side. There is a special contest, also, for the Elks, making a program in this line that has never been equalled at any former event.

WAINWRIGHT TO COMMAND FLEET

Succeeding Sperry, Who Will Head General Board—Other Changes.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—At a conference between the president, Admiral Sperry and Admiral Wainwright today it was practically agreed that Admiral Sperry should be succeeded as commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet by Admiral Wainwright. Admiral Schroder, second in rank of the fleet, will be made chief of the bureau of navigation. Admiral Sperry will be made a member of the general board and virtually the active head, owing to Admiral Dewey's age and failing health. While it was not decided when the changes were to be made, they may come Monday, though the president was advised to pass them up to the new president.

Admiral Sperry's detachment from the fleet is entirely voluntary.

Admiral Potter will advance to command the second squadron. Two new admirals will have to be selected for the fleet. Admiral Arnold, according to present plans, will be made president of the naval examining and retiring board when his squadron is abolished in June.

It is stated that this program was arranged at a luncheon at the White House at which the guests were Admirals Sperry and Wainwright, Hiram Maxim, Captains Kelly and Cheney of the general staff of the army, and Captain Lay, the president's marine corps aide.

Following the luncheon the president and his guests inspected Maxim's new noiseless gun attachment.

TAFT ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

President-elect Makes Two Ineffectual Efforts to See President.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—President-elect Taft arrived in Washington late today, made two ineffectual attempts to interview the man he is to succeed, failed, gave it up and spent a quiet evening at the home of W. J. Boardman, where he will reside with Mrs. Taft until he takes up his quarters at the White House. Mrs. Taft returned from New York with the president-elect and she was driven to the Boardman residence and upon her arrival her husband proceeded to the White House.

President Roosevelt evidently had not expected his successor, for he was out on an exercise stunt at the time Taft left, saying he would come back at 6:30, and, prompt to the minute, back he came. The president had not yet returned and no one at the White House was able to tell definitely when he would be at home. Taft laughed and said he would give it up.

"I'll make another attempt tomorrow after the president returns from church," he said.

He wished to interview the president on some subjects relating to foreign relations which he desires to introduce in his inaugural address. With the exception of this paragraph, it is said, his address is complete.

It was stated today on the best of authority that the special message Taft will send to congress, convening it in extraordinary session, will contain no reference to any subject except the tariff.

The president-elect plans to spend a restful Sunday and has made no engagements except the one at the White House. He will probably attend morning services at All Souls' Unitarian church.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION AT ALBANY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., Feb. 27.—A special election was held in this city today for bonding district No. 5 for the sum of $50,000, for a new high school to be built in Albany. The movement was carried by about three to one. Two churches are being used as schools at present.

Must Have the Wishbone.

From the New York Herald.

A Connecticut man gleefully announces that he has succeeded in breeding a duck which has no breastbone. Nobody who has ever carved a duck will object to this new variety, but the ambitious Connecticut man should be warned that any attempt to produce a chicken without a wishbone will be resented by several million children, to say nothing of grown-ups.

TRY TO HOLD UP PRESIDENT'S TRIP

Report in Washington That African Hunt Would Receive Check.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—A story was in circulation here today that an attempt was to be made to hold up President Roosevelt's African trip by having him summoned as a witness in the World libel case, which grew out of the Panama canal scandal.

Roosevelt will reach New York as a private citizen early next Thursday evening, five hours after relinquishing office to William H. Taft. The idea is, according to the stories, to have him served then as a witness for the defense. This, it is urged, would have the effect of forcing Mr. Roosevelt to remain in America until the case against Mr. Pulitzer and the World was either tried or abandoned.

The fight to obtain the extradition of the publisher and editors of the World is expected to be a most bitter one, and the government here is preparing for a protracted struggle.

In view of these facts, the prosecution has delayed serving the warrant charging criminal libel against Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb M. Van Hamm and Robert Lyman in connection with the publication of accounts of the Panama deal which connected the names of Charles P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and others with the transaction.

When Stuart McNamara, assistant district attorney and special aid to the department of justice, left New York for Chicago it became known that until after March 4, at least, the warrants would not be served. The fact that service will be held up until that date is taken as significant and many theories are being advanced as to probable cause.

It is also suggested that Theodore Roosevelt, who takes the title of "citizen" at noon March 4, will play a part in the New York hearing. It is practically certain, however, that should a summons be served on him when he arrives in New York next Thursday night, the summons will be as a defense witness, not as one for the government. Well grounded information says this in all likelihood will be the case, and officials here admit there is good reason for the present delay in pushing the charge. A summons served on Mr. Roosevelt would effectually delay his African trip for some time, as the fight in New York will be a protracted one.

BUILDING PERMITS REACH HIGH FIGURE

February building permits reached the enormous total of $1,325,840, the largest total since April, 1907, when the aggregate was greater by $300,000 than that of the month just ending. Compared with the permits for February, 1908, the showing is eminently satisfactory. In that month the total was $850,000, or less by 58 per cent than the value of this month's permits.

More than half the aggregate of February's permits was included in the cost of three large buildings—the Imperial hotel, $250,000; the Lewis building, $200,000, and the Albina High school, $250,000.

The indications are that the value of the permits to be issued in March will exceed those of February, as several very costly buildings will be begun in the next few days.

FIRST TRAIN ON NO-WIRE SCHEDULE

Marconi System Applied to Buffalo-to-Chicago Limited — Successful Run With Wireless Messages as Guide.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The first wireless special train ever run arrived at 8:25 o'clock tonight after a 20-hour run from Buffalo, completing a successful schedule by aid of the Marconi system of aerograms. The first message received from the train by operators at a midair station on top of the 16 story Lake Shore depot was dated "Somewhere near LaPorte, Ind.," a distance of about 65 miles. It was as follows:

"My heartiest thanks are due the press, the Lake Shore railroad and the Marconi wireless company, who have enabled me to carry out this test of wireless telegraphy between moving trains and stations. The results have far exceeded hopes and I am thoroughly satisfied with the achievement. (Signed) Frederick Thompson."

About 100 miles from Chicago the aerial station showed signs of an approaching electrical affinity, but no coherent messages could be transmitted. At 80 miles the instrument on the train caught occasional words from the Chicago station. This was continued until the point of established communication was reached. A few moments after the truck of the baggage car broke, and the train narrowly escaped being wrecked. The car bumped along the track for 200 yards before the train could be stopped. Instantly the operator on the train seized the opportunity to send the first "C. Q. D." message in the history of wireless railroad telegraphy. A few minutes later a brief description followed. The disabled car was left at LaPorte.

The entire trip was carried out by Frederick Thompson, a theatrical manager and his wife, Mabel Taliaferro, who chartered the train to bring their company to Chicago and equipped it with the wireless outfit. The experiment demonstrated the practicability of using aerograms from moving trains.

PERSONALS

J. S. McGladry, prominently connected with the Booth-Kelly Lumber company of Eugene, accompanied by his wife is a guest at the Imperial.

E. P. Mitchell, a merchant from Stevenson, Wash., is in Portland buying goods. While here he is being entertained at the Imperial.

J. V. Cartwright, owner of the Seaside hotel at Seaside, is stopping at the Imperial.

H. B. Robertson, a prominent real estate man from Spokane is in Portland on business.

A. C. Price of The Dalles was in Portland yesterday conferring with Manager N. K. Clark of the Hotel Cornelius in regard to plans and specifications of the hotel in The Dalles of which Mr. Clark expects to take charge.

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