

Taft Delivers First Regular Message to Congress

NO HASTE FOR APPLE SHOW SPECIAL SESSION LEAST TO SENSES

While Executive Hints Broadly at Drastic Measures Nicaragua Will Await News From Estrada.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Congress listened to President Taft's message today, and particular attention was given to that part of the document relating to the Nicaraguan situation. There was a good sized crowd in the galleries, and the seats in both houses were well filled, few senators and representatives being absent.

Following the reading of the message there was considerable discussion regarding the possibility of a special message, such as the president intimated he would soon send to congress regarding the Nicaraguan situation.

The president's message contained about 20,000 words and much of it dealt with appropriations and matters bearing upon the business conduct of the country. It was well received here, and is regarded as a level headed and clean cut document, forceful but not sensational.

"TOP OF THE WORLD" MAKES HIT AT OPENING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Denver, Colo., Dec. 7.—Bailey and Austin began their first transcontinental tour last evening in the "Top of the World," which was given at the Broadway theatre before one of the season's most fashionable audiences and scored heavily.

A larger, handsomer or better drilling chorus has seldom been seen in Denver. Bailey and Austin are compared to Montgomery and Stone, but their work this evening proved them to be peers of all teams and their rapid work was greatly admired and commented upon.

LOCOMOTIVE WORKS EMPLOYEES WALK OUT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Six hundred blacksmiths and boiler-makers of the local branch of the American Locomotive company went out on a strike today for higher wages.

FIRST WARD BALL WILL HAVE TO GO

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It was stated today that the opposition to the annual ball will likely prove more effective than ever before.

The famous first ward ball of Chicago has for years been used as a means of perpetuating a couple of politicians as low as ever disgraced a San Francisco or sold out any other city for the price of a street railroad franchise.

It is reported from the dispatch that Chicago has decided to put its foot down on its Hinky Dinks, its Bath House Johns and its thugs and grafters.

REMARKABLE COLOR EFFECTS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT OF STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY—OPENING SPEECHES MADE AT ANNUAL MEETING TODAY.

Had an artist, an epicurean and a plain business man viewed the state horticultural society's exhibit of Oregon apples on the fifth floor of the Meter & Frank store this morning, each would have been inspired to comments apropos of his vocation.

The artist would have seen row upon row of color effects, rich reds and yellows, warm and delightful, with backgrounds of brown and white and green. Looking closer his aesthetic soul would have stirred itself into rebellion against the purely human limitation which would prevent reproduction of the delicate traceries and tinnings.

The epicurean would have been given a vision of realized goodness; flavors advertised by hunger stirring fruit perfume. Apple in bewildering variety, pines and pears when zest left apples; taste blending into perfectness sugar and acid with the characteristic inimitable Oregon flavor—these would have been his findings.

PHOENIX FUNDS STILL INTACT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
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Falsification of records in reports for 10 years; assumption of full control of the business and the resources of the company disregarding the rights of directors and the finance committee; maintenance of a speculative account with the company's money for his own benefit; loaning money to state insurance officials.

The charges are of a criminal nature, and have been placed in the hands of District Attorney Jerome.

LOGGERS WIN IN FIGHT WITH LION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Princeton, Wash., Dec. 7.—His pluck and his dexterity in handling a club saved Valdemar Hanson of Salem, Or., from death in an encounter with a huge mountain lion last night. Hanson is an employee of the West Logging company near here. He was coming into camp when his attention was attracted by two fiery eyes. The animal leaped at the moment Hanson snatched up a club.

Hanson sidestepped and the mountain lion missed its mark, landing a few feet behind him. Before it had recovered its poise Hanson had beaten it several times over the head. The lion ran into the woods.

Hanson and two loggers followed it for several yards and then returned to camp.

NO MORE COASTING ON THE SIDEWALKS

The Hall street coaster tragedy of Sunday night, has caused Chief of Police Cox to issue an order to all policemen to stop coasting today on sidewalks.

The chief is determined to hold the Hall street disaster up as an example before the people to emphasize the danger connected with reckless coasting. At the same time he has sympathy with the small boys and girls who coast in safe places. Instructions are given to policemen to enforce the new ruling by the strictest means.

SPOKANE MOVES FREIGHT AGAIN

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Lord John Morley



Lord John Morley, secretary of state for India, who created a profound impression in his speech in the British house of lords in support of the budget. He said a budget was not a question for a plebiscite and that a referendum would weaken what was most important to maintain—namely, a sense of responsibility in the house of commons. He warned his fellow members of a fierce conflict if the bill were defeated.

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STUMP LAND SELLS FOR PLATTING

Orchard Company Buys 1000 Acres of Logged Off Land in Upper Hood River Valley at Approximately \$100 Per Acre.

Marking a new era in the history of the Hood River valley, and coming as the first great step in the development of the upper region, 1000 acres of valuable logged-off land, lying on the line of the Hood River Railway company's six mile extension, have been sold by the Oregon Lumber company to the Bruner-Bone Orchard company, of Hood River. One hundred thousand dollars was the consideration, approximately. Almost immediately work of clearing the land and cutting the tract up into 20-acre plots will be begun. More than \$125,000 will be spent to put the land in shape for the market.

W. H. Eccles, president of the Hood River Railway company, who spent yesterday and this morning in Portland, gave out information as to the deal, which was consummated by him. He was a guest at the Hotel Oregon.

According to Mr. Eccles, the clearing and marketing of the logged-off land means the first step in the development of the upper Hood River valley, which is now tapped to an extent by the railway of which he is head. The land is regarded as some of the most fertile in the region.

Though acknowledged to be equally as fertile and prolific as the lower valley, the upper Hood River valley region long been held back by lack of transportation facilities. Bad wagon roads and no electric or steam lines on which to ship products have long held back the development of the upper region.

News of the sale of the 1000-acre tract to the Bruner-Bone Orchard company, following close upon the decision of owners of the Hood River Railway company to extend the line six miles further up the valley without delay, is the signal, declare residents of the valley for rapid development of the vale.

TIME HAS COME TO FEED FREEZING BIRDS

The time has again come to feed the birds. It is not often in Portland that it becomes necessary to feed the little wild songsters, but now their natural food is under a mantle of snow, and unless crumbs and scraps from the table are thrown out for them they will all suffer, and if the snow continues for a week thousands of them will die.

Feed the birds yourself and tell your neighbors to do the same. No better opportunity will ever come to teach your children to be kind to animals than now. Encourage the little folks to feed the birds.

BUY A STAMP! THIS MEANS YOU



Buy a Red Cross stamp. Buy as many as you can afford to buy, for it will be money well invested. Your interest will be paid in human lives saved from the inroads of the white plague. Each day generous-hearted Portland women, an army of them, are campaigning against tuberculosis. They are fortifying the outposts—the department store booths—and they are gaining public attention in soliciting in their cause for good, every individual. The crusaders are doing this at a sacrifice of time, energy and brains to aid in estranging humanity from the time worn belief that tuberculosis is unpreventable, and that there is no salvation for its victims.

Scientists have declared that warm, good food and proper care of the system would prevent and cure consumption. Now open your purse and help with your pennies.

Don't forget the Red Cross postal cards.

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Mrs. Pankhurst



Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, who in a recent address severely criticised this country because it threatened to send an expedition against Zelaya in reprisal for the execution of two Americans captured in the insurgent army, but refused to take any action against England for the imprisonment of Alice Paul, the Philadelphia girl, serving a term for throwing stones through the window of a hall in London, where the lord mayor's banquet was being given.

AN ASTOR IS BEATEN BY THUG

William Astor Drayton, Returning From a Social Function in New York, Struck Down by Hold-Up Man.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
New York, Dec. 7.—William Astor Drayton, son of J. Coleman Drayton, financier and nephew of Colonel John Jacob Astor, was beaten and robbed early today on East Fifty-seventh street when returning home from a social affair. He was found unconscious by a policeman. Drayton suffered lacerations of the scalp. His father said he did not know how much the robber took from his son. Young Drayton is a student at Columbia university.

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SUCCESS FOR FUEL DEALERS 1910 AUTO EXHIBIT UNABLE TO DELIVER

Local Dealers Get Together and Agree on Space and Decide to Make Forthcoming Show Most Brilliant Affair.

Success for the 1910 automobile show of the Portland Automobile club was guaranteed when 37 dealers of this city last night purchased \$20,000 worth of floor space in the Armory of the Oregon National Guard for the purpose of exhibiting their cars during show week. The dealers came together with the greatest of good feeling, drew their space, paid for it, told of their intentions of making their exhibits the best ever and went away fully satisfied.

This year's drawing presented a much larger floor space than last year owing to the addition of the gymnasium and ball room to the space used. Fifty thousand square feet of floor space was sold last night for a total of \$20,000, and in that space fully 150 automobiles of the latest pattern and design will be shown. This year's show will undoubtedly be the greatest automobile show ever given on the Pacific coast.

"Last night's prospects showed up better than ever before," declared Manager Will Lipman of the Portland Automobile club this morning. "Although I had expected to have a fine showing as was made last night. We have ordered decorations from the east with which we plan on transforming the staid old Armory into a palace beautiful and which will make it a most pleasant place to spend an evening during the automobile show."

"This showing of good fellowship among the dealers, the determination which they manifest to go ahead with the exhibitions in the best possible manner is encouraging indeed and cannot but result in making the show the most successful ever held on the coast."

The main hall in which the most of the dealers had planned on exhibiting was particularly watched in the drawing last night, with the result that much rivalry was aroused over the drawing. The choice spaces went to the White Motor Car company, the Studebaker company, F. A. Bennett, L. E. Crowe and Howard M. Covey of the Covey Motor Car company. The H. L. Keats Auto company drew the choice space in the hall room on the second floor.

This space will be shared with the Graham Motor Car company, the Metropolitan Motor Car company and the Willamette Auto Supply company. The entrance hall will be the exhibiting space of the Chadwick, Stevens, Mitchell and a number of accessory men.

These Are the Exhibitors. Among the exhibitors at the show will be as follows: The Covey Motor Car company, Cadillac, Oldsmobile, Thomas, Marmon, Overland, Vella.

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DOWN-AND-OUTER TUG WILSON STOPS BULLET

Alfred Webb Lies for Week, Sick, and Without Food or Fire. Plays Innocent Bystander During a Fight at Six Day Bike Race.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—After lying in a boxcar six days without food, Alfred Webb, a gasfitter, is slowly recovering at the county hospital. Webb was discovered on a siding in the Northern Pacific yards in South Tacoma about 4:50 yesterday afternoon by two boys, who opened the car in search of coal. He was found in a corner of the car under a ragged blanket. The boys supposed him dead and notified the police. Webb, who recently came here from Portland, said this morning that he crawled into the car last Tuesday afternoon because he was ill and had no place to go. He gave his age as 35 and says he left England two years ago.

MEDFORD INVENTOR RIVAL OF WRIGHTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Medford, Or., Dec. 7.—Medford has a possible rival to Wilbur Wright and other conquerors of the air in the person of Frank E. Heffernan, who has invented an apparatus for flying, which, if the claims of the inventor are borne out by actual tests, will go far toward solving the problem which now confronts the navigators of the air.

ZELAYA FORCES WIN VICTORY

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New Orleans, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Managua via wire to Fort Laramie today says that Zelaya's forces, having a portion of English's forces, have a decided victory, and have two of English's ships at their mercy.

ORDERS FOR WOOD AND COAL REFUSED IN MANY CASES BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO GET TEAMS—SITUATION WORSE THAN LAST YEAR.

Loud, pressing and insistent is the demand for all kinds of fuel in Portland today. Every fuel dealer in the city is swamped with orders, and many of the larger wood and coal yards are refusing to book any more orders until such time as they can see daylight ahead in delivering what has already been sold. All kinds of wagons and teams have been pressed into service by the fuel dealers in a desperate effort to supply regular customers and others who are entirely out of fuel and who are apt to suffer unless their wants are immediately supplied.

Several of the large dealers ceased to take orders as early as noon last Saturday, and are still far behind in delivering what was sold prior to that time.

"The unexpected cold snap and the fact that it came at least a month earlier than usual, is responsible for hundreds of households being caught without fuel or with only enough on hand to last but a day or so.

Difficult to Deliver. One of the principal troubles that the fuel concerns have to deal with is the fact that their delivering facilities are practically out in two, as two and often times three teams have to be sent out with every load of wood or coal, and then it requires two or three times as long to make the trip as one team and one teamster required before the snow came. One of the largest woodyards notified its customers today that no more orders would be taken, but that wood could be had at the yard if the buyer would bring a team.

The situation seems to be much worse than it was last January, when Portland was under a 15-inch blanket of snow for 10 days and everything was frozen tight.

Accept Small Orders. "We had no such trouble a year ago with zero weather and a foot of snow as we are having now," said Churchley Bros., the oldest fuel dealers in the city. "Now the whole town seems to be out of fuel. We have not taken an order since last Saturday except from people who are able to buy only a dollar's worth of wood or a sack of coal at a time. These people must be helped out and we are trying to supply as many of them as we can. Those people who have wood, but always make it a point to order in weather like this we are refusing to supply."

Want All Kinds of Fuel. Portland Fuel company—"We can't begin to fill the orders that are coming in. Both phones are ringing constantly and the people are calling for all kinds of fuel. It requires two teams to deliver one cord of wood, whereas under ordinary conditions one team is sufficient for one and one-half cords. Independent Coal and Ice company.

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