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President Is Due at 5 o'Clock Buildings Decorated in His Honor Guest of City Until Late Tonight

Taft's Arrival in Portland to Find City's Gates Ajar

Brief Stay in City to Be Signaled by Great Welcome; People Eager to See and Hear President.

Every Portland flag floats free and high today. The president of the United States will arrive in the city at 5 p. m.

That the president will be welcomed by a great Oregon crowd on the streets during the parade, and at the Armory mass meeting seems assured. Trains and boats and interurban cars have brought a convergent stream of beyond-the-city dwellers who will join with the people of Portland in receiving the nation's chief executive. Many offices, business houses, factories and the schools will close in time for all to see Taft.

The committee on arrangements for the president's reception said this morning that none of the carefully made plans would be changed. The 170 members of the special reception committee will gather at the Union depot at 4:30 p. m. in their cars ready to start the parade when the president takes his place. President Taft will arrive over the Northern Pacific at exactly 5 o'clock, and the first to greet him will be Mayor Ricks and President Beckwith of the Commercial club and President Haller of the chamber of commerce.

Governor Guest.
 Governor West will attend the banquet, but will be unable to attend the Armory meeting, as he must go back to Salem this evening in order to deliver an address of welcome at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning when the president arrives at the capital.

The parade in Portland this afternoon will commence a few minutes after 5 o'clock and will follow these streets: From the Union depot, on Irving to Fifth, on Fifth to Hoyt, on Hoyt to Sixth, on Sixth to Morrison, on Morrison to Tenth, on Tenth to Washington, on Washington back to Seventh, on Seventh to Oak and on Oak to the Commercial club at Fifth and Oak, where the president will rest until the banquet.

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ARMISTICE HALTS TRIPOLI FIGHTING; GERMANY ACTIVE

Negotiations Carried on in Berlin for Past Several Days Result in Call to Cease Hostilities.

Berlin, Oct. 11.—An armistice has been declared between Italy and Turkey, according to a statement from a high official source here today. According to this statement peace has been arranged mainly through the efforts of Germany, and while it will not be officially proclaimed, yet no further hostilities will take place.

Constantinople, Oct. 11.—Official announcement of the fact that the Turkish forces in Tripoli are being ordered to withdraw was made here today when the ministry gave out to the press a statement to the effect that Tripoli has not surrendered, and that the Turks have inflicted losses on the Italians there.

The statement further declares that the Tripoli forts disabled two Italian battleships and sank a torpedo boat and that the Turkish garrison entrenched near the town repulsed the invaders with a heavy loss.

It adds that the Italians attempted to effect a landing at Derna and were repulsed by the Turkish garrison.

London, Oct. 11.—Dispatches received here today indicate that a force of Turks and Arabs is momentarily expected to attack Tripoli. The Italian fleet has landed field guns to assist in the defense.

The censorship at Tripoli continues severe and it is generally agreed that the first serious battle of the war has been already fought.

Advices which have reached Berlin say the Mohammedans who have flocked to aid the Turkish troops number 20,000. Vienna advices say 10,000. Prospects of peace are apparently gloomy and it is understood there will be no negotiation to end until after the occupation of Tripoli has been completed.

PRESIDENT OF BANK, DEFUNCT, IS INDICTED

New York, Oct. 11.—Edward M. Groat, former comptroller of the city of New York and president of the now defunct Union bank, was indicted today by the King's county grand jury. James Ashley, cashier of the Union bank was also indicted.

SOUTHWEST TOWNS EACH GIVEN SHORT TALK BY MR. TAFT

Olympia, Centralia, Chehalis, and Kelso Are Visited and Presidential Train Nears Vancouver for Short Stop.

Centralia, Wash., Oct. 11.—President Taft arrived in Centralia from Olympia at 1 o'clock this afternoon and remained for a brief period of 15 minutes, making a few short remarks from the rear of his private car. A committee of 15 local business men, appointed by J. E. Lasse, a member of the Republican state central committee, met the chief executive and welcomed him in the name of the city. The public school children were present in a body and the local company of the state militia assisted in the ceremonies. Hundreds of visitors came into the city from the surrounding towns to secure a glimpse of the present.

The president proceeded from here to Chehalis, where another stop of 15 minutes was made. The Citizens' club of that city had advertised the event of Taft's coming, and even a larger crowd was gathered there than in Centralia. Another short speech was made in Chehalis, the historic McKinley stamp being used as a platform. This relic is highly prized by the residents of Chehalis, as it was first used by President McKinley on his initial western trip, and afterward by Theodore Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks and then Secretary of War Taft.

The president proceeded to Kelso from Chehalis.

CHARLES TAFT SNOWDON, KING BABY, IS MADE THE GODSON OF PRESIDENT

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 11.—Charles Taft Snowdon, not as yet very tall in stature nor communicative of disposition, in fact a mere fragment of humanity, was the really important figure in an event probably without parallel in the annals of presidential wanderings, when President William H. Taft, walking upon him in attendance for 30 minutes yesterday morning, as godfather at his christening.

Outside a crowd of thousands was gathered, hungry for the sight of the executive. Down in the reception tower the silk hatted committee paced to and fro. Drums were heard in muffled faintness from the distance and the tramping of troops where the parade was forming.

But inside all was quiet and peace. Parades and speeches were far away, intrusive committees were temporarily discarded, for king baby was holding court, the center of an admiring circle who had gathered for the sole purpose of assisting at a momentous occasion in his life.

The event was the administration of the sacrament of holy baptism to one Charles Taft Snowdon, and for that purpose.

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CLARK MAY SERVE ON OREGON ON CANAL RUN

Washington, Oct. 11.—Officers who made the memorable trip around Cape Horn in the battleship Oregon on the occasion of its cruise to fight Cervera's fleet during the Spanish war are endeavoring today to have her commander, Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, now retired, restored to active service with the rank of vice admiral to command the ship again when it leads the nation's fleet through the Panama canal.

Admiral Clark has signified his willingness to resume active service again for that voyage.



PRESIDENT'S MAIL GIVEN PERSONALLY

Postmaster Charles H. Merrick would like to find a mail carrier's uniform built for the super-man. Only yesterday he received a highly important telegram from the postoffice department at Washington telling him that he must deliver President Taft's mail in person to the president himself.

"That's fine," said the postmaster. "I'll have a uniform and a whistle and look the part of special delivery boy."

But Mr. Merrick is not built like ordinary carriers. He is about as big as two of them together. His search for a uniform was doomed to disappointment for he could find none with the waist line extensive enough for a Portland postmaster. Without a uniform the whistle would mean nothing so Mr. Merrick will have the seeming only of an ordinary citizen when he delivers to the president his bundle of letters and papers.

The president's mail is always sent from Washington or other points in advance so that it will be ready for him at the various cities which he visits. Uncle Sam's mail delivery service organizes all the postmasters of these cities into a special delivery corps that safe delivery of important communications may be insured.

OFFER PRESIDENT SPEEDY BOAT SPIN

A telegram sent to President Taft Monday extended an invitation to the honored visitor to take a ride in the fastest boat in the world during his visit to Portland. The message was signed by Attorney George S. Shepherd in behalf of the owners and the boat so designated is the Oregon Wolf in 39.5 miles. In a trial about two weeks ago, however, the Oregon Wolf was let out and made the course at an average of 41 miles an hour. So elated are the owners with her success they have asked for official judges and the boat will probably be given a trial of 100 miles next month.

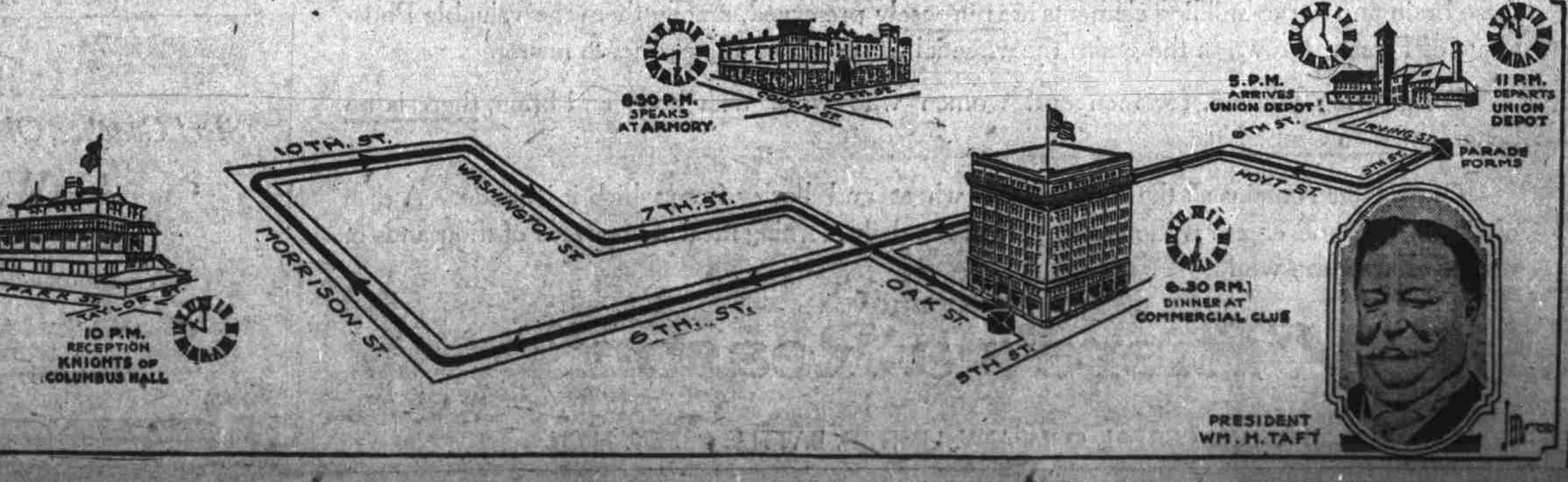
Owing to the limited time of President Taft's visit here there will be little possibility that the invitation can be accepted. No word has been received in regard to the invitation from President Taft as yet. The fact that the president likes that kind of amusement leads the motor boat enthusiasts to believe he would accept the invitation for a ride against time if it were possible.

SQUAB, NOT CHINA BIRD, FOR GUEST

A little plan of the Commercial club to bring forward squab in China pheasant's feathers at the banquet given this evening in honor of President Taft, has been abandoned. Mingled with the toothsome dainties that Oregon produces the president will eat squab as squab and not as pheasant.

The first plan was to serve China pheasants to all of the banquetters who have paid \$10 a plate for the privilege of taking dinner this evening with the president. The game warden was willing to make an exception in the enforcement of the law to permit the arrangement but some of the people were not. The protest that saved the lives of the domesticated pheasants was followed by a suggestion that if the president were served with China pheasant, and if half a dozen on either side of him at the banquet board were also served with China pheasant, no one would ever know the difference and the president would still think that Oregon's best game bird had been made chief item of the feast. No explanation has accompanied the decision not to serve China pheasants at all, but it will be certain that the banquet to President Taft tonight will not have even the seeming of law violation.

DRAWING SHOWS HOW AND WHERE NATION'S CHIEF, AS CITY'S GUEST, WILL PUT IN HIS TIME DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT



M'NAMARAS' TRIAL BEGINS; JAMES TO GET FIRST HEARING

Indictment Upon Which Trial Begins Is for Killing of Foreman of Machinists in Times Building.

WHEATON A. GRAY TO ASSIST FREDERICKS

Small Chance to Get Jurors From Initial Venue; Brothers Cheerful.

Hall of Records, Los Angeles, Oct. 11.—"We will try James H. McNamara first and will ask that the court order John J. McNamara taken back to jail," said District Attorney Fredericks, after consulting with his associates in the Times dynamiting trial this morning.

"That can be done later," said the court and the work of getting a jury was at once begun.

By agreement of counsel the indictment upon which today's trial began was for the killing of Charles J. Haggerty, foreman of machinists in the Times building. He was killed near the spot where the state alleges the dynamite was exploded.

In announcing that "we" considered himself qualified to try the case Judge Bordwell said that the defense had failed to prove its contention. He had incorporated in the record an affidavit in which he personally disclaimed any bias or prejudice and another by Presiding Judge George H. Hurton of the superior court, who denied that the procedure of the superior court had been violated in assigning the McNamara case to Judge Bordwell's court for trial.

A brief recess was taken while counsel for the defense conferred and discussed the two affidavits.

Defense Granted Exception.
 Judge Bordwell then formally denied the motion, insofar as it referred to the Haggerty case, and granted the defense an exception.

Attorney Leconte Davis then moved that certain parts of Judge Hurton's affidavit, in which he declared that he had, as presiding judge, personally assigned the McNamara case to Judge Bordwell for trial, be stricken out. This was also overruled and exception noted.

The court also considered the excuse of a number of the veniremen who had presented excuses on Monday, action on which had been deferred. There were only a dozen of them, but consideration was given to each one, and which consumed the better part of the first hour. Most of the applications were finally refused by Judge Bordwell.

Long Fight for Jury.
 Less than 40 names remained in the original venire when the trial was resumed this afternoon with James H. McNamara, accused directly of having caused the death of Charles J. Haggerty.

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AMENDMENTS WIN IN CALIFORNIA BY LARGE MAJORITIES

Initiative, Referendum, Recall Wanted by Citizens, but Women Suffrage Believed to Have Been Lost.

PROBABLE 20 OTHER AMENDMENTS CARRIED

Recall Wins by Nearly Four to One; San Francisco Hits Women Suffrage.

(United Press Special Wire.)
 San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The initiative, referendum and recall amendments to the constitution was today by overwhelming majorities. The last compilation of returns for which figures are available show the vote on the amendment providing for the initiative and referendum to be: yes, 58,745; no, 27,747. On the amendment providing for the recall, including judges: yes, 30,887; no, 28,728.

Indications point to the defeat of women suffrage by a small margin, although the result is still in doubt.

Partial returns from most of the larger cities of the state showed, except for Los Angeles, majorities against votes for women. From the rural districts, such returns as straggled in were favorable to the adoption of the amendment. It is not probable that the result on the suffrage questions will be definitely known before night, and possibly, if the result is very close, not for some days.

Prison Slaps Votes For Women.
 Returns from San Francisco, with nearly all precincts heard from, give a vote of 21,315 for suffrage, and 24,435 against. This vote, political forecasters said, was an indication that the amendment was beaten and that San Francisco had done it.

It is believed that all of the other amendments to the constitution have carried. The amendment to increase the powers of the state railroad commission, to make its five members appointive by the governor, and to make it practically a state public utilities board, won by a large majority.

President, among the measures submitted to the voters was one providing for the compulsory compensation of employees. It has surely carried.

The total vote in the state on amendments is estimated at approximately 150,000, or about 10 per cent of the registration. The total vote for suffrage is estimated at 80,000 for and 50,000 against. The official figures for San Francisco are given as 35,610 against and 21,907 for. This gave a majority

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CALIFORNIA ADDS NEW FEATURES TO NEW STATE LAWS

Amendments Just Adopted in Many Respects Similar to Oregon's; Recall More Comprehensive.

California's adoption of the initiative, referendum and the recall records another follower for the pathfinder, Oregon. The amendments striking the power of the bosses and reserving to the people the right to legislate for themselves are in many respects strikingly similar to the Oregon amendments, while in others an attempt has been made to improve upon the methods used in this state.

A comparison and analysis of these changes makes interesting reading for Oregon. It is clear that the Californians have appreciated some of the complications in method that have resulted in Oregon, and have worked out a more comprehensive plan, particularly as to the recall.

One of the striking features of the California plan, as regards the initiative, is a dual system, whereby the circulators of an initiative petition may submit it directly to the people or address it to the legislature. It is framed for submission directly to the people, the procedure does not differ materially from the Oregon plan. Eight per cent of the total vote is required, based on the vote for governor at the last election, instead of being upon the vote for supreme judge, as in Oregon. There is some advantage in this, since only one governor is elected, and the division of the vote when there are several candidates for the supreme court has involved complicated mathematics and possible legal strife in this state.

May Propose Substitute.
 In the case of an initiative measure submitted to the legislature in California, however, only 5 per cent of the vote for governor is required. Within 40 days after the legislature meets it must act on the measure, without changing or amending it. If the legislature rejects, or if it act within 40 days—the length of the session in that state being 40 days—the measure must be placed on the ballot for the people's verdict at the next election.

However, the legislature is given the right to propose a substitute measure on the same question, to be submitted to the people at the same time the initiative measure is submitted. This is a combination of the initiative and legislative systems, the advantage of the idea claiming that it will avoid the submission of many measures which which the ballot might otherwise be flooded, or in the framing of alternative

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"WILSON BEST MAN," JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS

(United Press Special Wire.)
 Meridian, Miss., Oct. 11.—That he will support Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, is the statement made here today by Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, one of the most prominent figures in national Democratic politics.

"After giving the subject careful thought," said Williams, "I have concluded that Wilson is the best man to nominate. I think he would be able to carry the west and would stand better in the north than any other available Democrat. He would be strong in the south."