

MARS TOO LOW ON HORIZON FOR VIEW IN U. S.

Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, Cal., June 20.—(U. P.)—Mars, well known planet, has displayed rank discrimination against the astronomers of North America.

While it is nearer to the earth now than at any time in recent history, it is visible so low on the horizon in North America that observations can be made only by looking through, for long distances, the atmosphere of the earth.

But in South America the planet has smiled on observers and is almost in the zenith.

As a result North American astronomers have been forced to confine much of their work to spectroscopic examinations of the atmosphere surrounding the planet.

DR. CAMPBELL EXPLAINS

Dr. W. W. Campbell, noted chief of the Lick Observatory here, explained the situation in discussing Mars and its visit today.

He expressed a belief that Signor William Marconi has slight chance of receiving any wireless messages from the planet and pointed out discrepancies in the work of the two leading astronomers trying to answer the question of whether there is life on Mars.

"I am aware of no reasons for expecting that communications will pass between the two planets now or in the near future," Dr. Campbell said discussing Marconi's experiments.

"But I do not speak for the distant future."

Discussing the work of Professor William H. Pickering of Harvard observatory and the late Professor Lowell of Lowell observatory, Arizona, Dr. Campbell declared that Professor Lowell described canals believed to have been seen on Mars as "absolutely and mathematically straight, for many hundreds of miles, with negligible exceptions."

CURVED, SAYS PICKERING

"Pickering says the canals are nearly all curved, and his recent drawings show them to be sharply curved," Dr. Campbell declared.

"Lowell says the canals are exceedingly narrow and sharply defined. Pickering says they are very broad, some of them hundreds of miles in breadth, irregular in width and poorly defined as to their edges."

"This condition has led a good many

Harding's Emissary and Queen Harriet



This photograph, by Marcell of Vancouver, shows Miss Alice Robertson, member of congress from Oklahoma and personal representative of the president at the Rose Festival, and Queen Harriet (Miss Harriet Griffith) at the reception and troop review at Vancouver barracks Monday afternoon. General and Mrs. Blatchford were hosts at the barracks festivities.

astronomers to ask the question: Is it possible that Pickering or Lowell, one or both, has been trying to see surface features on Mars which exceed the powers of existing telescopes and human eyes?" he asked in conclusion.

Fog signals sounded by radio impulses sent out from shore are being used to protect shipping along a portion of the coast of Scotland.

Parade Reviewed By Miss Robertson

Vancouver, Wash., June 20.—A full regimental parade, Colonel W. H. Jordan in command, was given at Vancouver barracks Monday afternoon at 4:30 in honor of Congresswoman Alice

Robertson and Queen Harriet of the Rose Festival. The parade was led by the 59th Infantry band. About 500 persons from Portland were present on the parade grounds. Preceding the parade the royal party and Miss Robertson were entertained at tea by Mrs. R. M. Blatchford, wife of General Blatchford.

U. S. KNOWS ITS POSITION, TAFT TELLS BRITONS

(By Universal Service) London, June 20.—"The united action of Great Britain and the United States in world matters is sure to make for world peace," said William Howard Taft, chief justice of the United States supreme court, in a speech at the Pilgrims' Society banquet in his honor last night.

The former president carefully avoided controversial politics, explaining that supreme court justices must not publicly discuss them. Regarding American participation in European questions, Justice Taft said: "We are making progress. We are acquiring a consciousness of our partnership with the nations of the world and our share of the responsibility for what the world does."

"A great step forward was made by the signing of the treaties affecting the Pacific and the Far East. This is

most significant not only because of the importance of what the treaties really achieve, but because of the moral effect upon us and upon the nations who joined with us in asserting the interests of all in respect to each and of each in respect to all.

"We have suffered from the war, but we suffered less than our European allies, and our wealth and property have been much less affected. While that increases our comparative powers, it also increases our responsibility. Our people know this. They know, too, that united action between Great Britain and United States in world matters is sure to make for peace. They know, therefore, that it is of the utmost importance that the friendly relations between the two great countries which have been maintained sometimes under the most trying conditions for a century or more, should be made closer, not only for the benefit of both, but for the welfare of the world."

FRIENDSHIP NECESSARY

"As a citizen with no official mandate, I beg the Britons whom I am addressing not to be misled by the temporary ebullitions of one factor or another, but to count on a fundamental public opinion in the United States in respect to our foreign relations which will always prevail in a real emergency and which regards the maintenance of friendship with Great Britain as most necessary for the peace of the world."

CARES INCREASED

FIGHTERS RETAIN CONTROL OF FIRE MENACING FOREST

Kelso, Wash., June 20.—The big forest fire that has been burning on the upper Coweeman, 30 miles east of Kelso, is being held well in check by the fire fighters under the leadership of V. O. Wallace, district fire inspector. A stiff southwest wind threatened to sweep the fire out of control Sunday.

Wallace is taking a gasoline pumping plant and several hundred feet of pipe and hose to the scene of the fire, and hopes to work out an effective fire fighting system with that equipment. A rain would be of incalculable benefit in checking the fire.

The fire is a constant menace to tens of thousands of acres of virgin timber lying to the north of it. This timber is largely owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and the state of Washington, although the Ostrander and Silver Lake companies and other

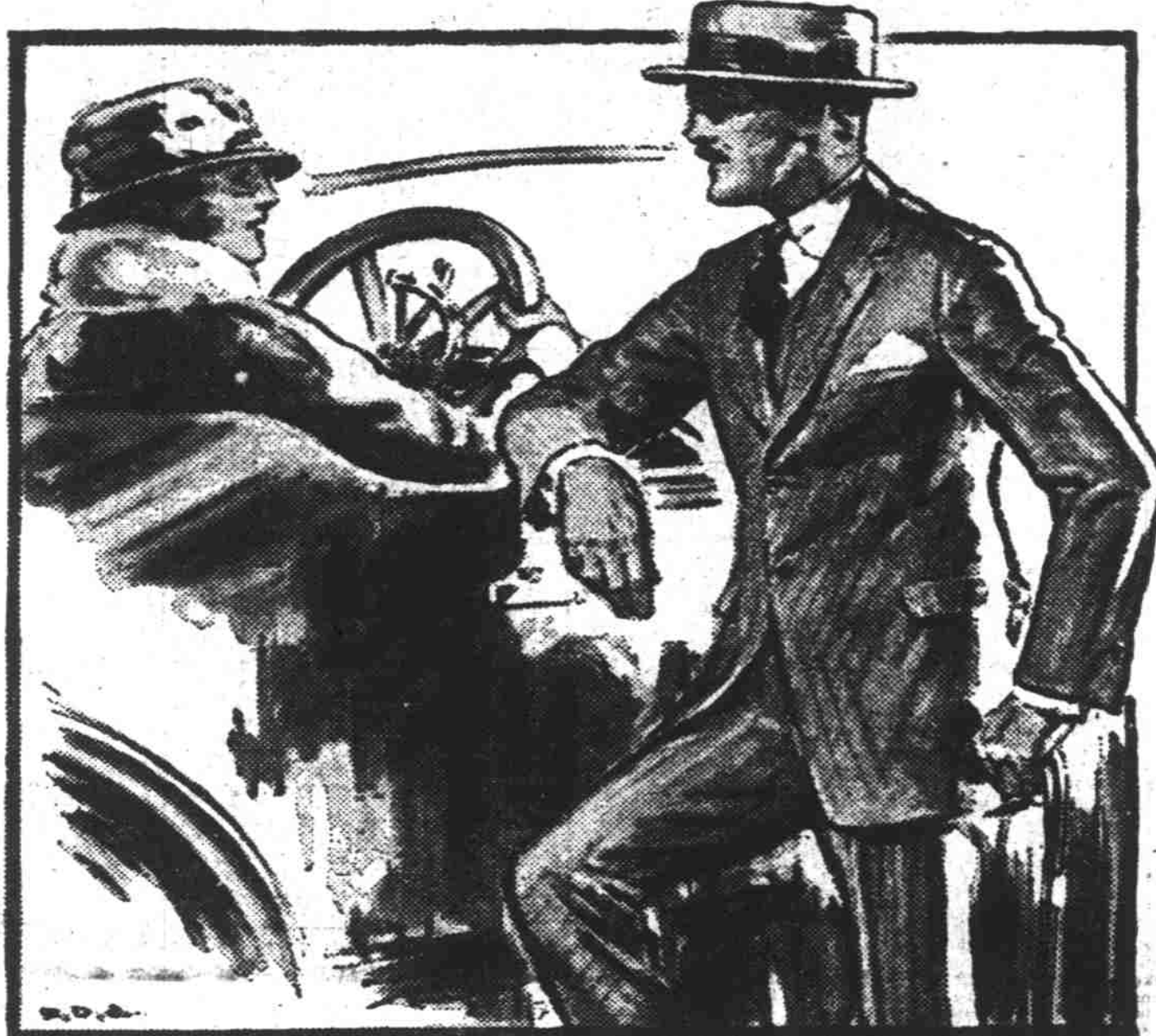
companies have extensive holdings nearby.

SHIFTING WIND STARTS

BLAZES IN NEW BELTS Aberdeen, Wash., June 20.—Swept by changing winds into new belts of timber and logged land, fire which for the last week has destroyed timber amounting to several thousand dollars, is still burning in the Poleau Logging company workings. Men are fighting the flames, which now threaten larger timber tracts near the company's present working. While the wind continued in one direction there was little fear of any further damage to green timber, but now that the wind is changing almost hourly, fear is expressed that a heavier damage may result.

Fire which started Sunday afternoon in some timberlands near Matlock, owned by the Weyerhaeuser company, burned over an area of about 100 acres. Fire conditions in other sections of the country are reported unchanged, but with the wind rulling from the east and the woods extremely dry, apprehension is felt. A report reaching here that the Olympia district is ablaze could not be confirmed.

FUGITIVE GREER CAPTURED Osmington, N. Y., June 20.—(U. P.)—Charles Greer, "the killer" who escaped from Sing Sing, was captured today at Harmon, three miles from the prison.



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