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OREGON MAN GETS FIRST LAND PRIZE

Isadore Selig, of Myrtle Creek, Lucky at Coeur d'Alene Lottery.

Little Girls Are Kept Busy for Hours Drawing Winning Numbers Beneath Scorching Sun—Double Set of Numbers Are Drawn to Guard Against Accident.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—When little Helen Hamilton, niece of Mayor Boyd, of Coeur d'Alene, walked into a pile of 105,000 yellow envelopes containing applications for land of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation yesterday morning, shortly after 10 o'clock, the great land drawing on the three tracts of government land—the Flathead, the Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane Indian reservations—was on.

Several hundred people stood around the platform, on which Judge James W. Witten, of Washington, D. C., formally opened the drawing on one of the last of the big tracts of Uncle Sam's public domain. Unlike the rush in "squatter" days, the modern method of distributing land moved along with the precision of clockwork.

When Miss Hamilton, daintily dressed in white, had plucked the first lucky envelope from the mass and handed it to Judge Witten and the name of Isadore Selig, of Myrtle Creek, Or., had been read aloud, the gathering crowds began to evidence increased interest and quivering excitement. A faint cheer arose and followed in rapid order as Miss Hamilton, aided by Miss Christine Donlan and Miss Harriet Post, plucked the other lucky envelopes from the pile. Men and women, now anxious to hear the verdicts in the first 20 envelopes, crowded up to the platform where newspaper men and government clerks grabbed at the bits of news-bearing names and started them throughout the land by special wires run to the drawing stand.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS OPEN.

Large Number Gathers at Spokane to Discuss Important Affairs.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—The congress opened with the "Irrigation Ode," sung by the Spokane chorus of 250 voices. The address of welcome to the state was delivered by Governor Hay, of Washington.

On behalf of the city Mayor N. S. Pratt spoke. He caused the suggestion of a sensation by charging private capital with interfering with government reclamation projects.

The response on behalf of the congress was made by George E. Barstow, president of the congress.

It is understood that a number of state delegations have declined to commit themselves in the matter of endorsing a candidate for president. This is true in the case of President Barstow, who, although an announced candidate, has not been urged strongly for a second term because of the feeling that the honor should be "passed around." Other candidates for the president of the congress developed during the day in the persons of ex-Governor Gooding, of Idaho; ex-Governor Pardee, of California, and Congressman Mendell, of Wyoming.

The question of a next meeting place has narrowed down to a fight between San Francisco and Pueblo, Colo., with Denver pledged to aid the latter.

Bank Guaranty Law Effective.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 10.—The new guaranty of bank deposits law passed by the recent special session of the Texas legislature went into operation yesterday. The law is similar to the Oklahoma law in all its most important provisions. It provides for and defines two alternative methods or plans for the protection of the depositors of state banking corporations which are referred to as the "guaranty fund plan" and the "bond security plan," respectively. The state banks may decide which plan to adopt.

Six Die in Fire.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Fire which swept away 20 residences in South Chicago this morning burned at least six persons to death. All the occupants were asleep and the fire spread with great rapidity. In the great confusion it is feared several children were burned to death in their beds. A majority of the victims are Poles, who lived in small tenements, closely crowded together, with scant chance for escape.

Wellman May Soon Fly.

Tromsø, Norway, Aug. 10.—Advices received here from Spitzbergen, where the Walter Wellman polar expedition is being prepared for an attempt to reach the north pole, say the repairs to the balloon shed which was badly damaged by a storm last June, have been completed and a gas apparatus has been installed.

CANNOT STOP STRIKE.

King Unable to Control Labor Situation in Sweden.

Stockholm, Aug. 10.—The tie-up of the business of the country as a result of the strike is so serious that King Gustav intervened in an endeavor to secure a compromise. The king today sent a message to the parties at conflict, exhorting them to agree at the earliest moment possible and advising arbitration.

It was after King Gustav's message had been approved at a cabinet meeting Saturday that he summoned to a conference at the palace the two leaders of the warring factions—Director Sedov, of the employers, and Senator Lindquist, president of the federation of trades unions.

The result of the conference has not yet transpired, but apparently the king's efforts for a peaceful solution of the trouble were without result. Tonight it was announced the printers would strike tomorrow, and the National labor union has issued a proclamation that, beginning tomorrow morning, every drag wagon whose driver is not wearing a union badge will be stopped by strikers. No exception, it was stated, will be made for owners driving their wagons.

The union further declares it will try to frustrate the attempt of the Stockholm streetcar company to start its cars on the surface lines.

COREA SORE SPOT AGAIN.

Many Clashes Occur Between Japs and Chinese.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 10.—Passengers arriving on the steamer Montague from the Orient today in discussing the situation between Japan and China, say conditions at Cheintao, on the Korean border, are more likely to cause serious trouble between the two nations than the dispute over the Antung-Mukden railway.

When the Montague sailed reports had been received that the Chinese had massed 3,000 soldiers at Cheintao and collisions between them and the Japanese police were frequent. Seoul dispatches received before sailing state that, following the arrest of a party of Koreans by the Japanese at Cheintao, the Chinese troops attacked the Japanese and rescued the prisoners, several of the Japanese being wounded. A boycott has been declared against the Japanese by the Chinese and Koreans of the district.

MAY AVERT STRIKE.

Chicago Labor Controversy Appears to Be Near End.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—According to the outlook tonight there will be no strike of the streetcar employes of Chicago, and a settlement is likely to be reached by tomorrow night.

It is said an offer of a wage increase, based on employes' length of service, will be made by President Mitten, of the Chicago City Railway company.

John M. Roach, president of the Chicago Railway company, has had his auditors at work figuring out a method of advancing wages, and it is said his first offer to a committee of his employes tomorrow will be on the same general basis as that of Mr. Mitten. The controversy probably will be adjusted without resort to outside arbitration. The employes say they are decidedly opposed to arbitration, and rather than submit to it will accept any reasonable compromise coming from the companies direct.

Seattle Fair Half Over.

Seattle, Aug. 10.—With the closing of the gates Sunday, the first half of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition was ended. Figures compiled by the exposition management show the attendance for the first half of the fair to be 1,744,861. Basing their estimates upon the percentage of increase for August and September over the preceding months at previous expositions, the officials estimate that the total attendance at the close of the Seattle exposition October 16 will be more than 4,600,000.

Opium Cause of Revolt.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 10.—Further particulars brought by the steamer Montague concerning the Mohammedan uprising in Shensi and Kansu districts state the revolt was due to the severe methods taken by the Chinese local magistrate to suppress the opium habit. He seized one of the local gentry who was an opium smoker, and had his eyes gouged out and his arms taken off. The people then rose in rebellion and attacked the magistrate.

Bolivian Revolt Likely.

Lapaz, Bolivia, Aug. 10.—It is stated that, although the inauguration of Dr. Don Elidoro Villazon as president of the republic has been set for next Thursday, there are many persons here who doubt that this program will be consummated because of his friendliness toward Argentina. The situation in Bolivia never has been more serious, and sensational events are expected shortly.

China Gives Her Consent.

Tokio, Aug. 8.—It is believed that the Chinese minister to Japan has received instructions from Peking in which the objections of the Chinese government to the reconstruction of the Antung-Mukden railroad and its conversion into a standard gauge line are completely withdrawn.

A BRIEF DAILY REPORT ON THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Thursday, August 5.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The tariff has been revised and the extraordinary session of congress is ended. Both houses adjourned sine die at 6 o'clock today. The conference report was agreed to by the senate, 47 to 31, at 2 p. m., and soon afterward the concurrent resolution making certain changes in the leather schedule was adopted by both houses.

President Taft arrived at the capitol at 4:45 and entered the president's room. His appearance there, the first time since he became president, caused congressmen to form in line to be received by him. There was a constant procession of handshaking statesmen through the president's room from the time of his arrival until his departure at 5:50 p. m. At six minutes past 5 the Payne tariff bill, as the measure will be known, was laid before the president. He picked up a pen supplied by Chairman Payne, which had been used by both the vice president and the speaker in signing the bill, and attached his signature. After writing "William H. Taft," the president added: "Signed five minutes after 5 o'clock, August 5, 1909.—W. H. T."

Wednesday, August 4.

Washington, Aug. 4.—As though protesting against being called out to a night session, senators were very tardy in their attendance upon the meeting of the senate tonight. Nearly an hour passed after the appointed time before a quorum could be assembled. It was finally obtained after an order had been issued to the sergeant-at-arms to bring in the absentees. For over an hour the senate employes had been telephoning to the homes of senators, and were told that the telephone had been temporarily detached.

A number of the senators spoke on the tariff measure when a quorum was finally assembled. Simmons, of North Carolina, declared rates were higher on goods used by the common people than by the rich. Beveridge insisted that the next tariff measure should be drawn up by a commission.

OFFICER PLAYS TORPEDO.

Escapes From Submarine Through Whitehead Tube.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The navy department has received word of a wonderful performance of Midshipman Kenneth Whiting, in command of the submarine Porpoise, now in Manila. For the purpose of demonstrating the possibility of an escape from a submarine through a torpedo tube, Midshipman Whiting, who is an expert swimmer, had his vessel lowered to the bottom of the bay near Cavite. Far under the water, probably 60 or 70 feet, Whiting crawled into the torpedo tube. The end of the tube in the boat was closed behind him. The tube in a submarine is closed or opened on the outside by a port, which is moved by powerful machinery. When under the water there is a great in-rush of water, filling the tube as the torpedo flies out. Whiting, within the tube, got a hold on the port. The officers inside the vessel turned on the power and the port was swung out. Whiting went with it, cleared himself of the torpedo tube, and then let go, flying upward to the surface of the water. He was uninjured by his experience.

Crops Show Decrease.

Washington, Aug. 11.—An indicated winter wheat total yield of 532,920,000 bushels, as compared with 437,908,000 bushels, finally estimated last year; an average of winter wheat of 90.3 against 90.1 a year ago; corn, 84.4, against 82.5; spring wheat, 91.6, against 80.7, and oats, 85.5, against 76.8.

This summarizes today's crop report of the department of agriculture. The comparative figures for corn include 89.3 last month and 82.6 as the average of August 1 for the last 10 years. The preliminary returns for the winter wheat yield indicate about 15.5 bushels per acre, compared with 14.4, as finally estimated last year. The condition of spring wheat is compared with 92.7 last month and 81.1, the 10-year average on August 1. For comparison the oat crop averaged 88.3 last month and 83.1 for 10 years on August 1.

The proportion of last year's oat crop in the farmer's hands on August 1 was about 2.3 per cent, or 25,232,000 bushels.

Sues for Half Brown's Cash.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The story of the killing of ex-Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, who was shot to death in the Raleigh hotel here, two years ago, by Mrs. Annie Bradley, will soon be repeated in the Salt Lake City courts, when Mrs. Bradley sues for half of the estate of \$125,000 left by Brown. Mrs. Bradley will base her claim on the proof she advanced at the murder trial, when she showed that her two children are sons of Brown.

Lands Figurehead to State.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Through the efforts of Senator Jones the figurehead of the cruiser Washington has been lent to the state of Washington. It now lies at the Puget Sound navy yard, where it was recently removed from the ship. The government has not yet decided what disposition will be made of the figurehead off Dewey's flagship Olympia.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Taft today appointed T. Platt Andrew, of Massachusetts, as director of the mint.

HID CONFEDERATE SEAL.

Colored Government Employee Was Davis' Bodyguard.

Washington, Aug. 6.—James H. Jones, a colored employe of the senate stationery room, is ill at his home in this city, and his friends fear he will die. Jones was Jefferson Davis' colored bodyguard and valet, and is the only living being who knows where the great seal of the Confederacy is hidden. He declares he will die with the secret.

Jones hid the seal himself under instructions from Davis at the time Richmond was evacuated and promised Davis when he was on his deathbed that he would never divulge the hiding place. He positively denies that the seal was thrown into the James river, as one story declares. He says he could put his hand on the seal today, but he never will. The negro has been offered large sums of money for the seal by various Confederate societies, etc., but always refused.

Jones has been in the government employ for about 20 years. He was originally appointed a laborer in the senate stationery room by Secretary of the Senate Cox. He made good, and is well known and liked by members of the senate and officials.

New Law Works Smoothly.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Information received at the Treasury today from New York, Boston and Philadelphia indicates that the new tariff law is working with unexpected smoothness. Generally at the beginning of the operation of a new tariff law matters in the big custom houses are "at sixes and sevens" for a few days, but no confusion has yet manifested itself in the administration of the Payne law. This is accounted for by the new law having been constructed on the general lines of the Dingley act, although, of course, the figures differ.

Special Session Scheduled.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The administration and the leaders in congress are considering a plan for a special session of congress to be held in October, 1910, to consider the report of the national monetary commission. It has been decided not to attempt to present the report of the commission at the next regular session, which will begin December 1. It is realized that the subject will demand extended debate and there is a strong belief that it would be best to consider it at a session called especially for that purpose.

Smokers Are Protected.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Purchasers of Philippine tobacco hereafter will have a government guarantee as to its quality and cleanliness, as a result of an arrangement made by the bureau of insular affairs, with the Philippine government. Every package imported into the United States will be stamped with a certificate indicating the quality of the material used and the workmanship. The arrangement was made to insure strict compliance with the new Philippine tariff law.

Takahira Says Good-Bye.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Ambassador Takahira today called at the White House to bid goodbye to President Taft. Baron Takahira has arranged to leave Washington for Tokio on August 10. He goes in response to the summons of his government, which desires to consult him in connection with the proposed revision of the treaty of commerce and navigation about to be negotiated by Japan with the powers. He expects to return to Washington.

May Not Move Barracks.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Senator Jones says the entire Washington delegation opposes the removal of the barracks from Vancouver to Seattle. He says the proposal did not originate with the delegation, but has been consistently resisted by them. He questions that the War department will persist in the removal against the protests of the entire representation of Oregon and Washington.

May Be Five Tariff Experts.

Washington, Aug. 10.—It was announced at the Treasury department today that the board of tariff experts to be appointed by the president might consist of five instead of three. It was pointed out that the number was discretionary with President Taft. No selections have yet been made.

Thanks for Favors Received.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Because of his instrumentality in having a higher duty placed on hosiery, Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, is to be tendered a banquet by the hosiery industry of the country and the manufacturers of Pennsylvania. The banquet is to take place October 26 in Philadelphia.

Date for Meeting Is Set.

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Taft, of the United States, and President Diaz, of Mexico, are to meet at El Paso, Texas, October 18. This program has been arranged as a result of correspondence between the United States and Mexico.

Battleships to Be Repaired.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The battleships Albama and Maine were today placed out of commission in order that extensive repairs may be made upon them. The battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge also will be undergoing repairs shortly.

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