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ENTIRE COUNTRY AWAITS HARRIMAN

His Health Is Matter of Utmost Concern to Wall Street.

Financiers Are Greatly Disappointed, Having Expected Him to Jump to Work at Once—Trusted Lieutenant Says Chief is Brainiest, Most Patriotic Man in America.

On Board S. S. Kaiser Wilhelm II, Aug. 24.—The condition of E. H. Harriman has undergone no notable change. He still remains most of the time in his private cabin owing to the heavy fog which has prevailed throughout the entire trip.

New York, Aug. 24.—As the Kaiser Wilhelm II hourly draws nearer to her pier in New York, public interest in E. H. Harriman's return grows acute. General anxiety as to his health has found expression in a series of published appreciations of his personality and achievements such as probably never before has been accorded a private citizen.

There is manifest disappointment in Wall street that Mr. Harriman's sojourn abroad has not set him up sufficiently that he may resume at once active charge of the great interests with which his name is associated. Tomorrow both the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific directors will meet, but it has not even been suggested that Mr. Harriman will try to attend these meetings.

Alexander Millar, secretary of the Harriman lines, one of Mr. Harriman's most trusted lieutenants, spoke of his chief today with seriousness and warmth.

"Mr. Harriman," said he, "has been pictured as an ogre, a huge spider, an octopus. You don't know what a big-hearted, big-souled man he really is. I call him today the biggest, the brainiest, the most patriotic American citizen we have."

"If I should be asked to name the chief characteristics that have contributed to his success, I should say, his wizardry with figures, his faculty for getting instantly into the kernel of facts, his judgment of men and his insight into and faith in the future."

"He makes changes, but the very men shifted will tell you they do better work in the new positions."

"Like all big men, he is not what you would call methodical. He jumps to conclusions by seeming intuition. No doubt the logical processes are all there—for Mr. Harriman is no visionary—but they elude analysis by their swiftness."

"Does he play as hard as he works? To tell you the truth, I never saw him play, except with his children. His children and his work—these are his life."

MAKES THRILLING FLIGHT.

American Aeroplane Lowers Record for Rheims Course.

Rheims, Aug. 24.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, and M. Paulham, representing France, divided honors of the second day of aviation week, the former in a thrilling flight just before dusk, in which he lowered the speed record for the course, which measures 6.15 miles, to 5 minutes 35.25 seconds; the latter making two impressive high-altitude flights of 49 1/2 and 56 kilometers, respectively, in the endurance test for the prize de la Champagne.

Curtiss' performance began just as the time limit for the start of the prize de la Champagne was expiring. Blierot only a few minutes before had clipped 16 seconds off LeFebvre's record.

Suddenly, at the end of the field a cry went up: "The American is starting!"

With a preliminary run along the ground of 100 yards, the machine rose lightly and shot by the tribunes at a height of 60 feet. It was going a terrific pace, with the wing level as a plane. Curtiss made the last run under the mistaken impression that the finish line was closer. He descended so close to earth that many thought he touched, but perceiving his error, he mounted quickly, crossing the line majestically. An instant later the signal was hoisted that he had made a record.

Wheat Prices Tumble.

Minneapolis, Aug. 24.—No. 1 Northern wheat today broke 15 cents from the opening price, dropping from \$1.25 to \$1.10. Opening figures today were 15 cents under Saturday's quotations of \$1.35, making a total decline of 25 cents since Saturday. New No. 1 Northern sold a week ago at \$1.45. Saturday's price was \$1.35. Today it sold early at \$1.25, but when 445 cars of wheat were received, of which 105 contained old wheat, 160 new-crop winter and 180 new-crop spring wheat, the market broke wide open.

Prosperity Hurts Army.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Returning prosperity is having its effect on recruiting men for the United States Army, making it more difficult to keep up the standard established during the time following the panic of 1907, when splendid material was available from the ranks of the unemployed. The authorized strength of the Army is 84,500 men, exclusive of the ship corps, which numbers 3500 men. It will not be a hard matter, therefore, to reduce the size of the standing army.

Grasshoppers Devastate Farms.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 24.—A plague of grasshoppers has caused thousands of dollars' damage in the neighborhood of Cowley. Farmers have been compelled to cut their alfalfa before it matured in order to save it from destruction. All green stuff has been eaten. Around Cheyenne practically all vegetation has been destroyed.

AIRSHIP EXPLODES.

Wellman Made Good Start, but Accidents Bring Failure.

Camp Wellman, Spitzbergen, Aug. 15 (via Hammerfest, Aug. 23).—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North Pole in a balloon has resulted in a failure. The giant dirigible balloon "America," in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out, proceeded about 32 miles from the starting point, when disaster overtook it.

After a long preparation and waiting for favorable weather, the opportunity came today, and Mr. Wellman decided to make the start. It was 10 o'clock in the morning when the great airship was brought out of its shed and the daring explorers took their places in the car.

When the anchors were cast loose, the airship ascended beautifully, the engines were set in motion and everything seemed to work to perfection. The big air craft was maneuvered for some time and answered the helm perfectly.

Then its head was turned northward, and it set out at a speed of 25 miles an hour. Suddenly, after having covered 32 miles, and when everything seemed to be going splendidly, the leather guide rope, to which was attached 1000 pounds of provisions and stores, broke away. The accident occurred just as the airship was nearing the pack ice of North Spitzbergen.

Released from this great weight, the airship shot upwards at a terrific pace, until it was a great height above the clouds. The pilots succeeded, however, in bringing her down near the earth, turning her about and set out to fight their way southward against a strong wind.

The airship proceeded slowly southward to the edge of the pack ice, where the steamer Fram was anchored. After much difficulty, a tow rope was gotten aboard the Fram, which started immediately to tow the airship to Spitzbergen.

The strain was so great, however, that it threatened to tear the car to which the rope was attached to pieces, and Mr. Wellman finally decided to bring the airship down to the surface of the water. This was effected without mishap and the car rested on the surface of the water until all the members of the crew, the dogs and the scientific instruments could be transferred aboard the Fram.

The America was then towed back to the landing stage, and within a short distance of where the start was made.

But the ill-luck of the expedition was not yet at an end. Just as the airship had reached the landing stage and everything looked favorable for its rescue without serious damage, a sudden gust of wind caught the big bag broadside on, and snatched it away from its tow lines.

It was carried careening over rough ice hummocks for some distance and then it exploded. All the scattered parts of the airship were subsequently recovered, but the damage was so great as to preclude any further attempt to fly over the pole this year.

HENEY WILL ACCEPT.

Must Make Campaign, However, on Independent Ticket.

Newport, Or., Aug. 23.—Francis J. Heney furnished the Oregonian a written statement today, in which he figures out that, according to the recent Supreme Court decision in California, he cannot accept the nomination for prosecuting attorney on either the Democratic or Independence League tickets.

"The only way in which I can become a candidate is by petition signed by a certain number of voters who did not vote at the primary election, requesting that my name be placed on the ballot as an independent candidate," says Mr. Heney.

Mr. Heney has been nominated both by the Democrats and the Independence League, but California's new primary law forbids that a candidate accept nomination by two parties. Furthermore, a candidate must be named by the party with whom he announced his affiliation at the primaries. Mr. Heney is registered as a Republican.

Mr. Heney says he does not want the office of prosecuting attorney, but will, if nominated and elected, sacrifice his business interests for the public weal in order to continue the war against the grafters.

Racing Autos Get Three More.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 23.—Three more lives were sacrificed today in the speed carnival that marked the opening of the new Indianapolis motor speedway. One mechanic and two spectators were today's death toll. Charles Merz in a National in the 300-mile race lost a tire and crashed through a fence into a group of spectators. The dead: Claud Kellum, Indianapolis, mechanic in the National car; Homer Joleffe, Trafalgar, Ind.; James West, 29 years of age, Indianapolis. West was a meat cutter.

Carmen Reject Scale.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Following the lead of the North and West Side Streetcar Men's union, the members of the South Side organizations tonight voted to reject the wage scale agreement reached recently by their officers with the street railway officials. This throws the whole question open again and the 10,000 union men are in a more defiant mood than ever. President Mahon, of the national union, arrived today and is trying to prevent a strike.

General Booth May Go Blind.

London, Aug. 23.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, was operated upon today for septic poisoning of the eye. The doctors are not yet able to say whether the General's sight will be saved.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEW LEPROSY CURE.

Philippine Quarantine Officer Uses X-Ray Successfully.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The X-ray as a cure for some cases of leprosy has been demonstrated by the American health authorities in the Philippines, according to Dr. Victor D. Heizer, quarantine officer in the islands.

Dr. Heizer, in a report to Surgeon General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, says the X-ray is suitable only for specially selected cases, and is valuable apparently only in the earlier stages. San Lazro hospital, at Manila, is the first institution in the world to use the X-ray for leprosy treatment.

Official figures show that on March 31, 1909, there were 2,446 lepers in the Philippines, segregation having reduced by more than 1,000 the number of cases during the last two years. At the beginning of the American occupation, 11 years ago, there were nearly 4,000 lepers.

Americans perfected the establishment for lepers on the island of Culion in 1906. It is estimated that under the Spanish regime 700 new cases developed every year. At present the number of new cases averages 300 annually.

Try to Leave Out Farm Land.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Statements and interviews quite constantly are printed from friends of the policy of conservation, based on the assumption that amendment of the law will be necessary to enable the elimination of agricultural lands from national forests.

Associate forester, in the absence of Forester Pinchot, when asked about this matter, and requested to make a statement setting forth in substance the facts, prepared the following:

"In establishing the boundaries of national forests, it is the aim of the service to exclude, so far as possible, lands more valuable for agricultural purposes than for forest purposes. Anyone acquainted with the mountainous regions of the west in which are located national forests will realize, however, that small areas of agricultural land in pockets and in valleys of minor streams exist, which in establishing boundaries to include forest land could not be excluded."

No Information Obtainable.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The acute-ness manifested itself here today more strikingly by the dead silence at the Interior department and the suppressed but all pervading atmosphere of enthusiasm at the forestry bureau. Assistant Secretary Pierce, who is back again and is acting secretary of the Interior department, does not care to discuss the charges of misadministration made against Secretary Ballinger by Chief Forester Pinchot. Acting Commissioner Swartz, of the general land office, has just the same aversion.

Open Bids for Battleships.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids for the construction of the two battleships, Arkansas and Wyoming, authorized by the last congress, were opened at the Navy department today. These two battleships are to be among the most formidable fighting machines afloat. They will carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of their class, will have a speed of 21 knots, which is believed to be the highest practicable for vessels of their type and class, and will have the highest practicable radius of action.

Seven Get Honor Medals.

Washington, Aug. 20.—For gallant conduct while under fire of the enemy in the Philippines or in Cuba, five officers and two enlisted men yesterday were awarded medals of honor by the War department. Those thus honored were Major James Church and Major Paul Straub, of the Medical corps; Lieutenants George Shaw and Charles Beckman, Twenty-seventh infantry; Lieutenant Charles E. Kilbourne, Signal corps, and H. T. R. Quinn and Seth Ewald, privates.

U. S. Has Improved Wireless.

Boston, Aug. 25.—News of an improvement upon the Marconi wireless system, making it possible for the officials of the navy department to keep in communication with the nation's warships in every sea, created much interested discussion here today.

The new system, according to the reports that have leaked out, is now being installed on several vessels at the Charleston navy yard, the operations and trials being surrounded with the utmost secrecy.

Coal Output Less.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The effect of the national depression beginning in 1907 and continuing in 1908 was the most powerful factor in the marked decline in the production of coal in the United States in 1908, according to statistics compiled by the geological survey. The total production in 1908 was 415,842,698 short tons, having a spot value of \$532,314,117.

General Townsend Dead.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Brigadier General Edwin F. Townsend, U. S. A., retired, is dead here as the result of apoplexy. He was born in New York in 1833 and graduated from West Point in 1852 in the same class with Generals Hood, McPherson and Howard. During the Civil war he was promoted to be major for gallantry.

Slight Quake Recorded.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The seismograph at the weather bureau in this city recorded a slight tremor of the earth at 2:22 o'clock this afternoon.

WANT MORE BATTLESHIPS.

United States to Lead World With Battleships of Great Power.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Congress may be asked next winter to provide for two 30,000-ton battleships, each with 12 14-inch guns, and each costing \$12,000,000. It is stated that such a program has been pretty carefully studied out.

After considerable preliminary work, the first 14-inch gun has been constructed at the Midvale works, and is shortly to be tested at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head. If it is deemed desirable to have guns of 14-inch caliber, it will immediately become a question whether there shall be 10 or 12 of such guns on each battleship. The proposition of two years ago, during the Newport conference, was to have 10 14-inch guns instead of 12 12-inch guns, the former caliber to have a relatively diminished velocity.

It was finally decided, however, that when the 14-inch gun was developed it should be of a hitting power commensurate with the increase of caliber compared with the 12-inch gun. There is an inclination also to adhere to 12-inch guns in the battleship battery, and it is possible that with the adoption of the 14-inch gun there will be 12 instead of 10 of those rifles, in which event the next battleships to be authorized will be of at least 30,000 tons displacement, and estimated to cost approximately \$12,000,000 each.

It is likely such a battleship will have the same speed and endurance as the 26,000-ton battleships now building. Much may depend in the determination of this question upon the plans adopted by European navies.

Million Cigars From Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 24.—One thirty Philippine commercial concern managed to get into the United States 1,000,000 cigars and, it is thought, other tobacco products, in advance of certain rules and regulations which the war department and the treasury department were preparing.

The cigars and other stuff arrived on the day the tariff went into effect. As the tariff allows importation free of duty of only 150,000,000 Philippine cigars, the proportion which has already come in is regarded as large.

The cigars are understood to be of inferior grade, and it is said that the long sea voyage from Manila has a deteriorating effect upon them, but it is claimed now that some concerns have invented a method to offset this.

Pure Food Scrap Renewed.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 24.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, will be in Denver Tuesday to attend the annual convention of food commissioners. As a result, it is expected that another controversy between Federal officials will be brought to Denver, this time not over forestry and irrigation, but over the use of benzene of soda in food.

Supporting Secretary Wilson are several members of the Scientific Reference Board, while Dr. Wiley's chief supporter is Commissioner J. Q. Emery, of Wisconsin, president of the association. Another feature will be reports Tuesday afternoon on results of food, dairy and drug control in various states.

New Tariff Works Well.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The new tariff law has gone into operation with surprising smoothness, according to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds. "We expected to be overrun with questions, many of them silly," said Mr. Reynolds yesterday, "but the number of inquiries each day has been little more than we have had under the Dingley law."

This is ascribed by the Assistant Secretary to the bills having been passed by a republican congress. The phraseology is much the same as under the old, only the rates have been changed. The operation is rendered easy for the collectors.

Wool Importations Increase.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Wool importations into the United States in the fiscal year just ended exceeded those of any earlier year except 1897, when abnormal importations were made in view of the prospective transfer of wool from the free to the dutiable list. The total quantity of wool imported in the fiscal year just closed was 265,600,000 pounds, against 126,000,000 in 1908, 203,000,000 in 1907, 249,000,000 in 1905, and 351,000,000 in 1897, when, as already suggested, the importations were abnormally large by reason of the prospective transfer of wool from the free to the dutiable list.

Tieton Land to Be Opened.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The acting secretary of the interior vacated the former order of withdrawal under the reclamation act in connection with the Yakima (Tieton) project, Washington, today and restored to the public domain where not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, about 33,000 acres of land in the North Yakima district, the same to become subject to settlement on and after November 9, and to entry December 9.

Philippine Bonds Sold.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids were opened at the bureau of insular affairs today for \$1,500,000 4 per cent, 10 to 30-year Philippine public works and improvement bonds. This issue is the balance unsold of the \$5,000,000 authorized by the acts of congress, last amended February 6, 1905.

State Department Pleased.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The news from Pekin that Americans would participate in the Hankow railway loan was received here with intense satisfaction, it being a victory for the State department.

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