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DEATH WATCH BY JOHNSON ENDED

Long Fight for Life Lost by Governor of Minnesota.

Three Times Elected Chief Executive of His State and Was Candidate for Democratic Nomination for President of United States—End Comes at Early Hour.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 21.—Governor John A. Johnson, three times elected governor of Minnesota and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States, and looked upon by many as the possible Democratic standard bearer in 1912, died at St. Mary's hospital here at 3:25 o'clock this morning following an operation last Wednesday.

Death watch was kept at the bedside of Governor John A. Johnson all day yesterday. Mrs. Johnson and two attending physicians sat by the dying man, hourly expecting the end. At intervals bulletins were issued, and each message from the sickroom was less hopeful than the one preceding.

In the early morning Drs. Charles and William Mayo issued the first bulletin: "Governor Johnson has not made natural progress; his condition is grave," it read, and waiting friends at once stormed the hospital for further news.

At 2:30 p. m. word came from the sick room that the governor had been in a semi-comatose condition for two hours. The source of this information said the patient might continue in this state for days, but there was slim hope that he would live more than a few hours.

Next came the brief bulletin, "Life is fast ebbing." At 1:15 this morning Dr. Mayo said: "There is absolutely no hope. However the governor may not die for several hours yet, possibly not before 6 o'clock."

At 12 o'clock Governor Johnson was conscious and complained of being uncomfortable. He was conscious all night and evidently realized the end was drawing near, although he said nothing.

SOUTH IS STORM SWEEPED.

Gulf Hurricane Brings Death and Destruction.

New Orleans, Sept. 21.—After attaining a velocity of 60 miles an hour at New Orleans, last night, the West Indian hurricane that struck the Louisiana and Mississippi gulf coast was reduced in its intensity.

It left four dead at New Orleans and perhaps others along the gulf coast, though no definite advices of mortality in other sections have been thus far reported here.

The property loss in New Orleans will exceed \$100,000. Many houses were unroofed and many frail buildings were partially destroyed. With all wires down it is impossible to ascertain the loss of life or property along the gulf coast. The ferry steamer Assumption sank, but no lives were lost. Much property along the river front was damaged.

Taft Reviews Troops.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 21.—With a review of 5,200 soldiers from all over the Middle West by President Taft yesterday the greatest army maneuvers and tournament in the history of the country began.

Brigadier General Charles E. Morton, commanding the department of the Missouri, stationed at Fort Omaha, is in command of the operations.

Cavalry, infantry and artillery took part in the tournament. Many valuable prizes are offered for the best tactics, feats of horsemanship and evolutions. The Third battalion, Sixteenth infantry, captured first prize for wall scaling. A record of 27 seconds was made.

Old English Coin Valuable.

Rich Hill, Mo., Sept. 21.—Tom Brown, an English coal miner residing at Panama, a coal camp four miles south of this city, is the lucky holder of a five guinea English gold piece, dated 1691. It had been handed down in the Brown family from one generation to another until now. It is valued at \$3,850. At least that is the offer made by a Boston coin dealer. Only two coins of this denomination and date are known to exist, one having recently been purchased by the English government.

To Remove Fulton's Body.

New York, Sept. 21.—The surviving grandchildren of Robert Fulton, in a letter addressed to Cornelius Vanderbilt, president of the Fulton monument association, sanctioned today the removal of Fulton's body from a vault in Trinity church to a mausoleum and memorial to be built in Riverside drive. The movement for the Fulton memorial has been under way for some time and \$40,000 has been subscribed. In all it is proposed to expend \$3,000,000.

Cubans Are Destitute.

Havana, Sept. 21.—Telegraph wires and bridges between Havana and Pinar del Rio are still down and consequently it has been impossible to ascertain the extent of the damage wrought by the storm in that section. It has been learned, however, that many hundreds of peasants are destitute because of the destruction of their huts and crops.

CANADA'S GREAT CROP.

Yield Estimated at 168,386,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—An official statement of the grain harvest of Canada has just been issued by the government. It gives estimates of production, computed from reports of a large staff of correspondents, and although totals are somewhat less than those of a month ago for wheat and barley, they still show that Canada has reaped an immense harvest.

The wheat crop is put down at 168,386,000 bushels, giving an average of 23 bushels an acre, and barley at 57,000,000 bushels, or 31 bushels an acre. The yield of oats is 355,000,000, or 38 bushels an acre.

One thing is assured, that the Canadians have reaped the biggest and most profitable grain crop the country ever has produced, and with present prices they will have an enormous sum added to their spending powers. It is estimated that a surplus of \$100,000,000 will go into the pockets of the farmers.

TRANSFER IS URGED.

Forestry Service May Be Put Under Interior Department.

Washington, September 21.—As a result of the Pinchot-Ballinger row, the administration may later determine to recommend the transfer of the forest service from the department of agriculture to the department of the interior. Such a change can only be made by act of congress, and it probably would call for considerable pressure from the president in order to get the necessary authority, especially if Gifford Pinchot is permitted to remain as chief forester.

The forest service, in the opinion of most Western men in congress, is misplaced in the department of agriculture. It has nothing in common with the other bureaus of that department, but has much in common with the general land office and geological survey, both of which are bureaus of the department of the interior. In its present situation, the forest service is, or until recently was, in effect an independent bureau, subject to only nominal supervision by a cabinet officer. That is why the forest service was allowed to grow up in the agricultural department, and that is why Mr. Pinchot has always opposed transfer to the interior department.

Graft in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—Despite the secrecy of the Russian war office, a scandal which promises to involve prominent officials in the army has leaked out. A general in command of the province had for years been drawing pay for the officers and the men of a six gun field battery which exists only on paper. To keep the fraud from being discovered, the general showed the same battery twice to the inspecting officers who visited his barracks occasionally. He would show one battery, then another, and while the inspecting officers were viewing the second, the first battery would be rushed to another garrison, where the troops were re-inspected.

MOON DISPROVES PEARY.

Italian Astronomer Points Out Discrepancy in Story.

ROME, Sept. 21.—According to the well-known astronomer, Signor Francesco Facca da Sclio, of Bergamo, the moon absolutely disproves Commander Peary's claim to having discovered the North Pole.

In his dispatch to the New York Times the explorer states that April 6, having accomplished the six stages he had planned, he was favored with an opening in the clouds which permitted him to take astronomical observations. From these he established his position as latitude 89°57'.

Signor Facca points out, however, that unquestionably accurate astronomical calculations show that with the horizon at 89°57' the moon could not be seen at the time indicated by Commander Peary, because from midday, April 5, Paris time, or 6 o'clock, central standard time, the declination of the moon became negative, that is to say, the moon was below the equator, which is the natural horizon of the pole.

Ryan Succeeds Rogers.

Milwaukee, Sept. 21.—John D. Ryan, of New York, was elected a director of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company today, to succeed Henry H. Rogers, deceased. Donald Goddard succeeds his father on the directorate. Rosewell Miller, William Rockefeller and John A. Stewart were re-elected. David L. Bush was appointed general manager, and H. B. Earling, ex-general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound branch, becomes general superintendent of the whole system.

Frenchman is Kidnaped.

Shanghai, Sept. 21.—News reached Saigon from Tonkin recently that a prominent French resident at Hanoi had been kidnaped by brigands belonging to the hands of De Tham, a famous outlaw. The robbers sent a message to the authorities that they would strike off their captive's head at the first shot fired at them. The government resorted by holding several leading brigand prisoners as security for his life.

Paulhan Flies for \$5,000.

Ostend, Sept. 21.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, flying in a Voisin biplane here today, won a prize of \$5000. He covered 73 kilometers (45 miles) in one hour at an altitude ranging from 240 to 390 feet. He made his way up and down the coast line, part of the time over the North Sea. In alighting the aviator fell into the water. He was promptly rescued by spectators and received no injuries.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

HEAR PACIFIC RATE CASES.

Full Interstate Commission Will Sit on Coast in October.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The entire Interstate Commerce commission will visit the Pacific coast this fall and conduct hearings on all complaints of record from that section. The hearings will begin at Seattle, October 7, and after clearing the Washington docket, the commission will move to Portland on October 14, and to San Francisco four days later.

Among the questions to be heard are the allegation that various distributive rates in the Northwest are excessive. Testimony will also be taken on various complaints affecting the contemplated rearrangement of all transcontinental rates to Pacific coast points. Most of the large cities have entered complaints which will be heard. In most instances where time permits, the commission will hear arguments after hearing testimony.

Among cases on which testimony will be taken at Portland are: Oregon Railroad commission vs. O. R. & N. and other roads; Farmers' Co-operative & Educational union vs. Great Northern and others, and Astoria chamber of commerce vs. Great Northern.

At Seattle the commission will take up the following: Portland chamber of commerce vs. O. R. & N. and others; Transportation bureau, Seattle chamber of commerce, vs. Northern Pacific and others; Humboldt Steamship company vs. White Pass & Yukon route, of Alaska; F. S. Harmon vs. Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, and Seattle Frog & Switch company vs. Northern Pacific.

At San Francisco a long docket is to be heard, the most important case being that of the Pacific Coast Jobbers' & Manufacturers' association vs. Southern Pacific and other roads.

Deaf Mutes to Help.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Believing that deaf mutes would make good operators for the puncturing and tabulating machines to be used in compiling the returns of the next census, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is inclined to appoint them to such positions, if capable men apply. This work requires great care in its performance, for the reason that there is no way to obtain a check on the result and the secretary can see no reason why the deaf and dumb should not be especially efficient.

Ballinger Denies Rumor.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Secretary Ballinger is suffering from sore throat today and on the advice of his physician is not at his office. He has been ordered to remain at home as quietly as possible and expects to be back at work in a day or two. He will depart for the West Saturday and will meet President Taft either at Denver or Helena. Secretary Ballinger denies the report that he contemplates resigning from the Taft cabinet, as published in yesterday's dispatches.

To Sell Canal Zone Junk.

Washington, Sept. 22.—At the offices of the Panama Canal commission bids were opened today for the sale of what remains of the old French company's machinery in the canal zone. The amount of this junk is estimated at over 100,000 tons, and includes old locomotives, dump cars, barges, dredges and miscellaneous junk left on the isthmus by the French, together with a quantity accumulated since the beginning of operations by the Americans.

Land Withdrawn From Entry.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from entry southwest quarter of section 29, township 25 south, range 14 east, in Lake county, Oregon, until the geological survey can make an examination of the peculiar formation on this land, known as Fortrock. If this land mark is considered of sufficient importance, it will be permanently reserved as a national monument.

Irrigation Contract Awarded.

Washington, Sept. 18.—A contract has been awarded D. H. Traphagen, of Seattle, for the construction of that portion of the distribution system of the Tieton irrigation project on the Natches Ridge. Washington: The work involves the excavation of 117,700 cubic yards of material. The contract price was \$341,500.

Taft's Secretary at White House.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Fred W. Carpenter, secretary of the president, and Randolph Barster, one of the assistant secretaries, who were at Beverly, Mass., have returned to Washington and assumed their duties at the White House. President Taft will at all times be in easy communication with Washington.

Spencer Eddy Resigns.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The State department today received the resignation of Spencer Eddy, of Illinois, minister to Roumania and Servia. Mr. Eddy's wife, is the daughter of John D. Spreckels, of San Diego. His resignation is given as the cause for Eddy's resignation.

He Defended John Surratt.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Judge W. F. Morris, former chief justice of the court of appeals for the District of Columbia, died today, aged 74 years. Judge Morris defended John H. Surratt, one of the alleged conspirators against President Lincoln.

SILETZ SEEKING PATENTS.

Court of Equity is Hearing Oregon Homestead Cases.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Proceedings looking to compelling the patenting of the long-suspended Siletz homestead entries in Oregon were begun in the court of equity in this city today. Starman & Loughran, local representatives of A. W. Lafferty, of Portland, filed a bill in equity praying for an order restraining the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of the general land office from promulgating final decisions now in course of preparation, directing the cancellation of the entries in question until the final hearing on a bill for a mandatory injunction compelling the issuance of final receivers' receipts as of dates of reception of final and commutation proofs at the Portland land office.

These cases were adjudicated by the interior department upon contests filed against entries long after the lapse of two years from the dates on which proofs were received at the Portland office, and it is contended by counsel for the claimants that the department acted without its power in authorizing proceedings under contests filed after that period, it being argued that submission to the register and receiver of proofs, regular in form and unobjectionable, entitled the claimants to final receivers' receipts on the dates when such proofs came in the hands of the register, and the receiver had later, it is alleged, defaulted in his duty under a law in withholding the issuance of such certificates at that time.

Counsel contend that the issuance of receiver's certificates was a ministerial act, which might have been compelled by mandamus, inasmuch as the proofs when received at the Portland office were unobjectionable. Had the certificates been issued when the proofs were presented at Portland, the contests brought more than two years after the making of proofs would have been barred by the provisions of the act of March 3, 1891.

DROP MALHEUR PROJECT.

No Funds Available to Continue Irrigation Work.

Washington, Sept. 18.—It was announced today that the government will not at the present time undertake the construction of the Malheur irrigation project.

Secretary Ballinger, though anxious to help settlers in the Malheur contract country, finds after a study of the condition of the reclamation fund will not now justify the adoption of any new projects. Many millions of dollars, in addition to what is at present available, are needed to complete projects in course of construction and as the adoption of new projects would seriously interfere with finishing what has been heretofore undertaken, it has been decided temporarily to lay aside all applications for new work. This decision is approved by President Taft.

The question whether or not the Malheur project shall be built by private enterprise has not been passed upon, and probably will depend largely upon the attitude of landowners. How long it will be before the Malheur project can be undertaken by the government is purely a matter of conjecture.

Controversy in Congress Next.

Washington, Sept. 16.—No matter what the decision of President Taft may be in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, that the row will be a subject for congressional investigation next winter is practically assured. A preliminary investigation of the principal features of the controversy will start in a few days, when the senate committee on Indian affairs junks through the Northwest to inquire into conditions on the Indian reservations.

New Governor of Porto Rico.

Washington, Sept. 16.—It was announced tonight that the president would appoint George R. Colton, of the District of Columbia, as governor of Porto Rico. Mr. Colton first went to the Philippines as lieutenant colonel of a Nebraska regiment. After that he was made collector of customs at Manila. This office he now holds, having come home on leave of absence to assist the bureau of insular affairs in preparing the Philippine tariff bill.

Riding Test is Criticized.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The Roosevelt riding test for the officers of the army is a detriment to the service, rather than an aid in efficiency. This, in substance, is the severe criticism of the tests made by General Albert L. Meyer, commanding the Department of Texas, in his annual report. General Meyer favors yearly examinations of all officers to ascertain their fitness for their duties.

Consular Promotions.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The following promotions have been made in the consular service: David F. Wilbur, of New York, from consul general at Halifax to consul at Kobe, Japan; James W. Ragsdale, California, from consul at St. Petersburg to consul general at Halifax. Ragsdale entered the consular service at Tientsin, China, in 1897 and was transferred to St. Petersburg in 1908.

673,531 Aliens Come.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A net increase of 673,531 in the population of the United States by the arrival and departure of aliens occurred during the last fiscal year, against an increase of 299,857 over the previous year. There was a falling off in immigration from 782,870 aliens during the previous fiscal year to 751,786 last year.

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