

## FLEECING OF CHOCTAWS CONFESSED

Scott, Son-in-Law of Chief McCurtain, Admits Withholding Government Warrants From Unfriendly Indians and Discounting Warrants on Ten Per Cent Basis.

SULPHUR, Okla., Aug. 12.—Before a crowd of fashionably gowned women, who thronged the courtroom where the congressional investigating committee convened today, George Scott, son-in-law of Chief Green McCurtain of the Choctaw Indians, testified that he had not entered into an agreement with J. F. McMurray by which he received pay for his influence in behalf of the Indian land contracts.

## HARMON STOPS POOL SELLING

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 12.—Acting upon information that gambling was permitted at the Randall racetrack with the acquiescence of the authorities, Governor Harmon today telephoned Sheriff Hirstus to stop the alleged violation of the law. The governor's action was prompted by the alleged failure of the authorities of Newark to enforce the law and the resultant riots in that city. Since that time Harmon has kept a vigilant eye upon all towns in the state in order that he might act quickly and effectively when reports might come to him that the local authorities were not active.

## NATIVES TO ATTACK LIBERIAN COLLECTOR

MONROVIA, Liberia, via Sierra Leone, Aug. 12.—Reports from French officers near Fort Blinger, on the Cavally river, close to the boundary between Liberia and the Ivory Coast region, state that the Krutribes are preparing to revolt against the depredations of the Liberian militia stationed on the border. Only recently the negro infantry in collecting taxes arbitrarily levied by the Liberian legislature, were guilty of outrages, the soldiers attacking and flogging the wives of the chiefs.

## TERMINAL RATES FOR MEDFORD

Traffic Bureau Receives Word of Filing of Application Before Interstate Commerce Commission—Distributing Rates Out of Medford Also Sought From Commission.

Notice has been received by the Medford traffic bureau, an organization composed of local shippers and merchants, from the interstate commerce commission that its complaint for a reduction in rates from California points to Medford has been received and that 30 days has been granted the Southern Pacific to file an answer.

The Medford traffic bureau has continued its campaign to make Medford a distributing and jobbing center by filing at Salem a second case before the state railroad commission asking distributive rates within a certain radius. The complaint asks that a less than carload rate be allowed within a certain radius. No objection to the present carload rates is made, but a material reduction is claimed in less than carload lots is asked in order to give better distributing facilities.

In the complaint it is set out that Medford is situated 329 miles south of Portland and 352 miles north of Sacramento and that it is so located as to be the central distributing point for a rich section with a radius of 100 miles or more. It is declared that carload class rates from Medford by reason of their being higher than like rates from Portland, for similar distances, are preferential and discriminatory. It is declared that the operating revenues per mile of road of the Southern Pacific are greater than the operating revenues of the O. R. & N. and that the commission has named the class rates on the O. R. & N. on 100 pounds for a distance of 115 miles, as named in connection with the Baker City complaint, and asserts that a basis of rates graduated to this scale would be proper adjustment to apply to Medford. The excerpts from Baker City also apply equally to the complaint of the Medford bureau in asking for a readjustment.

In the Baker City complaint it is stated that the proposed new scale would be a proper adjustment to apply from Baker City to main line and branch points on a graduated through mileage. The basis is as follows: First-class, 47 cents; second class, 40 cents; third-class, 33 cents; fourth-class, 28 cents.

Miles	Class rates in cents per 100 lbs.
10 to 15	14 12 9 8
25 to 30	20 17 14 12
50 to 55	30 25 21 18
75 to 100	40 34 28 24
100 to 105	45 38 32 27
145 to 150	54 46 38 32

**KIDNAPED BY BRIGANDS AND HELD FOR RANSOM**  
ROME, Aug. 12.—Salvatore Setta, a wealthy land owner, was kidnaped today by brigands, who are holding him for ransom. His wife and friends are hastening to raise the ransom demanded by the bandits, fearing that Setta may be killed. His captors sent notice that the price of freedom is \$10,000.

## ROOSEVELT AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK G.O.P. CONVENTION

**WALLACE IS THREATENED BY FOREST FIRE**

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 12.—One hundred families of Wallace today are packing up their belongings and will leave for Spokane and other outside points to escape the dangers of the forest fires which are raging near, threatening to wipe out a portion of the city.

Should the wind become stronger, it is believed that nothing can save the city. Forest fires raging in the Pleacer creek district, five miles from Wallace, have destroyed much property.

## STOCKS SHOW GAINS ALL ALONG THE LINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The general list on the stock exchange today was firm, despite the weakness of the smelters. A favorable report on the Harriman lines aided in slight advance. American Beet Sugar, Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Chesapeake & Ohio, St. Paul and Atchafalpa, Reading and Union Pacific 1, and Canadian Pacific 13 1/4, National Biscuit, 2 1/2, American Smelting lost 1.

## Map of Love Route Sent to "Siegfried" By Helen Smith, Dashing Millionaire.



More burning love letters have come to light in the Siegfried-Brunhild romance of Russell Griswold, the gay young cavalier of Rowayton, Conn., and Helen Woodruff Smith, the dashing millionairess of Stamford. Miss Smith declares these missives simply denounce Griswold as a cur for allowing them to be published. Griswold returns by saying they were sufficient to cause him to expect Miss Smith to become his bride, and he therefore wants \$50,000 heart balm because his Brunhild failed to fulfill his expectations in this respect. Whatever of ardor this pair put into their lovemaking is today redoubled in the intensity of their feuding display as the tell Mr. Griswold has brought against his charmer. "I love her still," is the theme of his sorrowful song as he tells how she stole his young love, toyed with it for nine years, then tossed it to the winds. "Blackmail—blackmail!" is the vehement report of Brunhild, as many of the love notes are signed. "The Sea of Matrimony; or, Cupid's Tourist Guide," will be Miss Smith's new work, was accompanied by a letter asking him if he thought he could steer the boat through the shoals.

**RUMOR CIRCULATED THAT EX-PRESIDENT REENTERS POLITICS**

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—That Theodore Roosevelt may be temporary chairman of the New York state republican convention on September 27 is the report that was circulated about political headquarters today after Roosevelt had a number of conferences with prominent public men.

Pinchet gained admittance through the back door of the office and his conference was short. "Pinchet was in here a couple of minutes," remarked Roosevelt to the newspaper men, "and I suppose you are wondering what devilment he accomplished in that time."

## BALLINGER AT CRATER SUNDAY

Will G. Steel of the Crater Lake company arrived in Medford Friday morning and left at once for Crater Lake and Klamath Falls. At the latter place he will meet R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, and Mrs. Ballinger, and escort them to the lake, where they will spend Sunday as guests of the company.

**IDAHO FIRES BURN LARGE TIMBER BELT**

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 12.—"The forest fire situation looks worse. The high winds that have been blowing along the Montana-Idaho divide are raising the very devil." In these words Associate District Forester Silcox of the forest service summed up the condition of fires in Western Montana today.

The Lolo forest is cleared of fires just now, but three conflagrations are sweeping from three different directions upon the reserve and a large force of men is fighting desperately to check the danger. The fires in the Coeur d'Alene and Clearwater forest have been keeping all available men in Lolo forest busy, and a report received today is to the effect that the fires on the Flathead Indian reservation are beyond control and will be in Lolo preserve within a short time.

## ROOT SUMS UP IN FISHERIES DISPUTE

THE HAGUE, Aug. 12.—After six days of argument bristling with technicalities, Senator Elihu Root, leading counsel for the United States in the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, closed his summing up this afternoon. The case is now before the members of the arbitral court and a verdict will probably not be returned before October.

## MANY JOIN STUNG CLUB ON WIRELESS

Estimated That \$5000 Worth of United Wireless Stock Has Been Purchased by Medford Investors—All Efforts for Land Stations Abandoned on Pacific Coast.

The Medford Stung club has been enlarged in membership. Approximately \$9000 in stock of the United Wireless Telegraph company is held in small amounts in Medford and vicinity. Quite an amount is held at Ashland, Grants Pass and other Rogue river valley towns. Investors were induced to take the stock upon the glowing prospectus and golden promises held forth by the company and its agents. Notwithstanding the fact that local bankers frowned upon the proposition, people who refused legitimate investments fell over themselves to buy Wireless.

At present the outlook is that no returns will ever be received by the local investors, as the officers of the concern face grave charges and the company will probably go through bankruptcy and the stockholders be rated among the Stung club membership.

The headquarters of the United Wireless Telegraph company at Portland and the stations there and at St. Helens were closed today. Their disorganization signals the termination of that corporation to compete with telegraph lines on land. The nearest wireless station will be at Astoria, where arrangements have been made to maintain a day and night office.

## MAYOR GAYNOR GAINS GROUND

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 12.—The following bulletin was issued at St. Mary's hospital at 7 o'clock this morning: "Mayor Gaynor passed a good night. He slept seven hours and was comfortable this morning. He is in excellent general condition. Temperature 100, pulse 70, respiration 16. A surgeon, who will direct an operation if such action is determined upon, is constantly on watch beside the mayor. Apprehension is felt that infection may appear, necessitating an operation instantly. So far, however, no infection is apparent. The mayor ate a hearty breakfast."

The physicians are not agreed as to the value of the X-ray in determining the location of the bullet. Several declare it would be unsafe to operate without any other guide than that of the X-ray. A consultation is planned for tonight upon the question of an operation. New X-ray plates taken yesterday and developed today show that the bullet is lodged in the vault of the pharynx, back of the nose, whence it could be quickly extracted if an operation were undertaken. The patient has difficulty in swallowing, owing to the location of the missile, but this is to be expected, according to the doctors.

## INSURGENT BREACH IS WIDENED

Aldrich Conference With Taft Following Letter of Explanation Expected to Result in President's Going to Aid of Friend—Clash With Regulars Increases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—The conference between President Taft and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich following the publication of the long letter of explanation regarding his connection with the Inter-Continental Rubber company and the charges made by Senator Bristow of Kansas that the company is a trust and derives great profits from the tariff which bears the Rhode Island senator's name, is causing wide comment in political circles. From the explanation and the visit the political wiseacres here predict that the coming campaign as it is to be managed by the administration forces will be an effort to "explain" the whole tariff situation, and they further predict that the clash between the regulars and insurgents which many Republican leaders ardently hoped would end with the primaries, will be fought out even more bitterly as the campaign advances.

## AEROPLANE FLIES RECORD HEIGHT

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The world's record for altitude in an aeroplane flight was broken here today by J. Armbrong Drexel, an American millionaire. Drexel attained a height of 6750 feet.

## OIL STORAGE TANK EXPLODES, CAUSING FIRE

SISTERVILLE, Va., Aug. 12.—A storage tank of the Riverside Oil company exploded here today and a general conflagration of oil wells, tanks and warehouses of the company is threatened. Several tanks caught fire from the explosion and thousands of barrels of oil made fire-fighting hazardous in the extreme. Great crowds of spectators gathered to watch the spectacular fire and the authorities had difficulty in keeping them beyond the danger line.

## HUNTERS KILL COUGAR HEAD OF ELK CREEK

With the front of one of the three autos in the party decorated with a big cougar skin and the other machines bearing trophies of the chase in the shape of big heads of antlers, the party which left last week for the Umpqua divide, composed of M. S. Bieden, Owen Dunlap, L. C. Duffield, Jesse Butler, Dr. Shreaver and Marion Lence, returned Friday at Marion. The trip was eminently successful, and beside the big cougar, enough deer were bagged to make the total pretty close to the limit.