

POLITICS AND OTHER FANTASIES

Washington Gossip About Affairs National and Otherwise, and Some Extended Comment On the Pacific Squadron Coming to the Pacific Coast, Which Is Called the Roosevelt Bluff

Washington, July 26.—Is the sending of the Atlantic fleet to Pacific waters merely a huge Rooseveltian bluff? Developments here indicate that such is the case, and corroboration has come from Oyster Bay. The proprietor of a New York newspaper cabled to Viscount Hiasli, minister of foreign affairs at Tokio, asking him the views of the Japanese government on the proposed transfer of America's naval power from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. As might be expected, the diplomatic Japanese official replied in most conciliatory language. His message had scarcely come tingling off the cable before what was reported to be an official statement was obtained by the same newspaper from President Roosevelt. The President is reported to have said that no order has been given to the navy department to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific, and that he knows of no order to that effect having been issued by the general board. It was announced that the present plan of the department is to have the battleships leave on a cruise early in the fall, but the destination has not been determined and they may not go to the Pacific. The statement credited to the President insists that the matter has nothing whatever to do with the Japanese question and closes with the declaration that absolutely no international significance can be attached to it. The armored cruiser St. Louis, however, is on its way to Pacific waters and is due to reach San Francisco about September 1. The navy department has been informed that the cruiser has left Montevideo and will next touch at Punta Arenas in the Straits of Magellan.

Government circles are noting with interest the tendency of the various state universities to draw upon the capital for special lecturers for their summer schools. Dr. C. W. A. Veditz, acting dean of the college of the political sciences of the George Washington university, left this week for the University of Illinois, where he will deliver a course of lectures during the summer. This excursion of Dr. Veditz is of especial interest for the reason that he is at the head of a branch of the George Washington university that is turning out skilled help for the consular service of the United States, and which has been recognized as the leading institution of its kind in this country, taking rank with the schools of the political sciences of France and England. This policy of sending professors of this university to the various schools throughout the country is expected to strengthen the growing agitation for the establishment of a national university at the capital. The local university is aspiring to fill this niche, and its aspirations have been endorsed by the President, the presiding members of both houses of congress, and practically every member of the President's official family, together with a large number of other men prominent in public life. The intention is to achieve this end without resorting to the use of public moneys, and patriotic Americans are beginning to subscribe liberally to an endowment fund.

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Senator Hopkins' announcement, after a conference at Oyster Bay, that there will be no tariff revision at the coming session of congress did not startle the country, and certainly caused no surprise here in Washington. No one is at all familiar with the political situation has believed that revision will be attempted until after the next election. The "stand-patters" are well entrenched, and it is likely that no changes in the schedules will be made until 1910, during the first session of the sixty-first congress. It is certain that the Republican party will endeavor to leave out of its platform entirely next year the question of revision, and although President Roosevelt is reported to have declared many times in the course of private conversations that he believed some changes should be made, he has refrained from recommending such a course in his messages because he realizes fully the futility of hoping to accomplish anything now. So if Mr. Hopkins hoped to create a sensation by his statement, he made a poor guess.

Rumors are insistent to the effect that Representative Burton of Ohio will resign his chairmanship of the house rivers and harbors committee in the next congress. It is said this course will be taken so that he may devote greater time to the work of the inland waterways commission, of which he also is chairman. President Roosevelt is reported as being favorable to this plan, for the commission was created by him just after the close of the last congress and he is much interested in the entire program of waterway development. This interest is of long standing, and has been expressed many times, never more clearly than in his addresses to the conventions of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, the last two of which were held here. On both occasions Mr. Roosevelt applauded the organization for its work in arousing the American people and congress to the necessity for a vigorous national program along such lines of betterments. The National Rivers and Harbors congress is still maintaining its work in this construction, and John A. Fox, its special director, is now visiting the cities of the upper Mississippi valley to enlist the moral and financial support of the people of that rich territory on behalf of the organization and its work. A number of important betterment schemes will be up for consideration before the congress that will convene in December, and the National Rivers and Harbors congress is endeavoring to increase its membership so that it may be thoroughly representative of the solid shipping and business interests of the whole country.

A number of forts on the Pacific coast are to be reinforced by additions to their garrisons. The reinforcements is in accordance with the provisions of the army appropriation bill passed at the final session of the last congress and providing for an increase in the artillery corps. General Ainsworth, acting secretary of war, has issued an order directing the enlistment of 27 additional companies of coast artillery. Each company is to have a strength of 109 enlisted men, and the Presidio at San Francisco will be given two companies, while Fort Baker, Cal., Fort Casey and Fort Worden, Wash., will get one each.

Despite the bitter fight in South Dakota, friends of Senator Kittredge are declaring that he will be re-elected without any trouble in the primary election next summer. J. C. Bryan of Plankinton, who is here this week and who has made a close study of the situation, is certain that the fight between Senators Kittredge and Gamble will in no way affect the result of the Presidential vote next year. He declares that South Dakota is for Secretary Taft without division always provided that President Roosevelt hold on his determination not to be a candidate to succeed himself.

Robert Bacon, acting secretary of state, and really little better in the official school than cabin boy of the "ship of state," is now cap'n, crew and the bos'n's mate. Early this

week the last member of President Roosevelt's cabinet fled from Washington to escape the heat. He was Postmaster Meyer, and when last seen he was making record time in the direction of Matapedia, Quebec, where he will join his family and spend some two weeks in salmon fishing. Government interests, however, will not suffer so long as Mr. Bacon is on the job. He has made his individuality and strength felt ever since he has been connected with the state department, and his friends say he is certain to rise much higher in the service of the country.

Boom days, these. In a bulletin issued by the bureau of statistics, it is shown that for the first time in history the foreign trade of the United States during the fiscal year passed the three billiondollar mark. The exact amount for the year, which ended June 30, was \$3,315,252,116. Imports comprised \$1,434,401,092 of the total, while the exports were valued at \$1,880,851,024, leaving a balance of trade in favor of the United States for the twelve months of \$446,449,932. Another record was established during the year when for the first time in the country's history neither imports nor exports fell below \$100,000,000 for any month.

From far-off California the navy department has received a suggestion whereby the naval strength of the United States may be increased and the bold, bad oil trust mulcted at the same time. The department's California correspondent, noting that the government can fine the Standard Oil company \$29,000,000, suggests that the fine be levied and that the money be used in constructing five battleships. He would have these named the Rogers, the John Doe, the John D. Rockefeller, the Judge Landis, and the Millionaire. Secretary Metcalf is away, so that action on this remarkable suggestion will have to be deferred.

Uncle Sam is to give those states of the union whose peoples are given to stringing up their fellow men by the neck without due course of law, an object lesson in which he will seek to impress upon them the fact that the federal arm is long. The department of justice is lending all of its power toward the identification of the members of the mob that lynched Frank Bailey, a negro, at Osage, Oklahoma, last week. Once identified, the attorney general's force will see to it that the prosecution is not a farce. Oklahoma is still a territory, although on the verge of statehood, and the federal authorities will be unhampered.

Track Notes.

The state fair ground is in excellent condition and several fine bunches of racing horses are in training.

Many other trotters and pacers will probably be on the track in a few weeks, and the date for the fair is agreeable to the northwest racing circuit, and the purses are generous there will probably be a very large list of entries this season.

The following well known men have racing stock on the grounds at present:

Lute Lindsay of Portland has eight head, two pacers and six trotters.

Sam Lindsay of La Grande has a bunch of seven trotters.

O. P. Mouzey is represented by five pacers and five trotters.

Sam Castro has eight head, 3 pacers and five trotters.

Three trotters are in training from the Wallace farm and Brooker of North Yakima has a trotter and a pacer.

Salem Man Gets Contract.

C. M. Barr, of Salem, was the successful bidder on the hot water heating plant for the Eugene general hospital. It will cost something near \$2500.—Eugene Register.

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FOUND LOST MAIL

Nome, Wednesday, July 24.—A Special to the Seattle Times under the above date has the following story:

One of the most terrible tragedies that has ever occurred on northern trails, by which George A. Carpenter, a wellknown newspaper man, lost his life, by which Robert Hunter lost several toes, one arm and the heel of one foot, and by which Billy Vint was disfigured for life by losing his nose, his toes and the fingers of one hand—three of the sturdiest and bravest men who ever crossed an Alaskan trail—has been revived.

Sam Magids and Tom Roust, who have just reached here from Candel creek by way of the Nopapaga divide, discovered the sled used by George A. Carpenter, and in which, when the party fled for their lives through the blinding blizzards, was left the mail that has, perhaps, caused many a heartache and many a disappointment.

The sled was found at a point about seven miles from the point where now stands the Eldorado creek roadhouse and about half a mile from the winter trail which crossed Berry creek, and its position bore mute testimony to the fact that the hardy men were driven from their course by the fury of the blinding blizzard. The sled had been covered by a tarpaulin, and the mail had been carefully wrapped in one of the heavy coats, which was left behind when the travelers started on their march for life or death. Some dog food and bacon, in an advanced stage of decomposition, was also found; and among other things was a Waterbury watch which, on being wound, worked perfectly, and has been working ever since. The watch is now in the possession of Roust.

Letter for Seattle Woman.

In the mail pouch were found the following letters, which are now in possession of The Nugget, and will be restored to the parties to whom they are addressed:

Mrs. S. A. Keller, care of Fuller & Keller.

John D. Leedy, care Alaska Banking & Safe Deposit Co.

Sam Archer, care Archer & Ewing, Nome.

Frank H. Richards, U. S. marshal, Nome.

Thomas Heins, residing at Sinrock, Nome, Alaska.

Prof. N. S. Terry, Bergenfield, N. J.

John Anderson, on Belmont Point, Nome.

J. T. Chase, Pine Grove, Cal.

Beatrice W. Dignon, Box 1187, Seattle, Wash.
J. F. Hobbs, attorney-at-law, Nome, Alaska.
Coke Ewing, Buckley, Wash.
B. Niebling, Nome, Alaska.
W. B. Ewing, Douglas, Oregon.
Mrs. George H. Boucher, 2647 Union street, South Tacoma.
Miss Carrie Bruner, care North Star Restaurant, Nome, Alaska.

The letters are in a good state of preservation, and, notwithstanding the fact that they have been exposed to the elements since January, 1901, the addresses can be deciphered. The only apparent effect of the elements has been to wash the muckage from the stamps.

It will be remembered that the three men were returning to Nome from Candel creek when they were overtaken by a fearful blizzard as they crossed the divide.

MAN, FISH BEAR AND HORNETS

News comes from Siuslaw country that James Pumphry had quite a thrilling experience one day last week while fishing in the Siuslaw river. James was standing on a log which overhung a deep hole of water, when he hooked a large fish which caused his fish line to part so suddenly that James was unable to maintain his balance and fell into the river, and as the banks were very precipitous, it was with difficulty that he was able to gain solid footing. But the worst of it all; James had no extra change of clothing and was compelled to content himself by sitting by a fire while his clothing was drying, while he was thus engaged, he was attacked by a large bear and compelled to climb a tree in order to save himself, and as his time to make a selection was short, he ascended to the branches of the first tree he came in contact with and unluckily for him a colony of hornets had taken up their abode in the same tree, and they appeared to be pleased with James' visit as they all gave him a warm reception. So things were pretty warm for James, but he had to make the best of the situation, so he seized the limb and succeeded in breaking it loose from the tree and letting it fall to the ground. Bruin, evidently thinking the nest his prey, immediately seized it and as the hornets saw how their house was being handled, turned their attention to the bear and gave him such a hot reception that he was glad to take to shelter, leaving James and the hornets "monarchs of all they surveyed."—Yoncalla Courier

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Thought Picture a Ghost.

Once Dr. Grenfell visited Russia and exhibited to the astonished Russians some stereopticon photographs that he had taken the previous year. It so happened that one of the pictures was that of an old woman who had died the day before the photograph was made, and it appeared upon the screen struck the hearts of the simple-minded people. They believed it was a spirit returned to earth, and for a long time afterward imagined that they saw it floating about at night, visiting the old woman's haunted-Outing Magazine.

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