

XIT RICHARD MANSFIELD

Bridge Falls, Carrying Ninety Workmen to Death

SSIP AT THE CAPITAL

UT WATERWAYS

Working For Roosevelt's Nomination—Fourteen Applicants For Government Knife-Grinders—Michigan Uses Candy For Bait

Aug. 30.—Since the time he has had to ponder over the speeches made by Secretary Taft in his tour of the west, the president has gained ground rapidly. He has refused to accept a definite term, and that at a time when he will gracefully yield to the importunities of his friends and accept the Republican nomination next year. The chief lieutenant's couple with his well known toward the bench, and that Secretary Taft

is stump-speaking for Mr. Roosevelt. Of course, the secretary's utterances bear the stamp of his individuality in their expression and details, but as regards the platform which he laid down, Rooseveltian policies were everywhere strikingly evident, and there are many who believe that Mr. Taft's defense of his chief's administration has been far more fervid than it would have been had he desired to promote his own candidacy. The secretary of war knows that the country does not take kindly to the idea of the President naming his own successor, and realizes that he can do better for himself if he will stand alone. Judging from his words, therefore, it is believed that, not desiring the nomination himself, he is only paving the way for his friend and chief.

Since Brigadier General MacKenzie, chief of the army engineer corps, announced a tentative itinerary of the inspection of the Mississippi river to be made by President Roosevelt early in October, interest has reigned in the forthcoming Deep Waterway convention at Memphis and in the whole plan of river and harbor improvement work to be undertaken this fall. The growth of the sentiment in favor of waterways betterments truly is remarkable country alone, but is gaining ground as rapidly in Europe and in all the world nations. In the United (Continued on page seven).

GREAT ACTOR IS DEAD OF NATIONAL FAME

Richard Mansfield Passes Away At Early Hour This Morning—Had Been Failing For Some Time and Death Was Expected

New London, Conn., Aug. 30.—Richard Mansfield died this morning at his summer home here. His death followed a long illness, which came after last winter's breakdown at Scranton, Pa., while playing Pere Hyacinth. During his last appearance Mansfield's eccentricities became so accentuated that people couldn't work with him. He died at 6:30 this morning, the direct cause of death being a diseased liver, but there were many complications. He had been around the house since his return last week from Saranac Lake, New York, but three days ago a change for the worse started. Dr. Allen, a local physician, said there were circumstances in the case which made recovery impossible. Despite this fact the actor had been reported as improving. His death is a shock to his friends.

TWENTY KILLED BY CARS

Bad Wreck Occurs On Mattoon Interurban Electric Line

Charleston, Ill., Aug. 30.—Six men and two women were killed and 30 to 40 seriously injured, 15 of whom it is expected will die, in a wreck on the Mattoon Interurban, a miles from this city, at noon today. The wreck occurred on a sharp curve. A passenger car with a trailer collided head-on with an express car, both going 30 miles an hour. The car loaded with passengers was bound for the county fair at Mattoon.

Later—it is learned that 12 were killed outright, and it is reported that eight more died at the hospitals. Nearly 60 were injured. Many other deaths are sure to follow. The car steps were crowded with passengers. Of those on the steps only a few escaped, the others being crushed under the debris. The express car was trying to make a switch, just passed by the passenger car.

Taft Has Special Car.

New York, Aug. 30.—The American agent of the Trans-Siberian Railway has arranged for a special car to convey Secretary Taft and party from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg, leaving November 12 and arriving November 26. The only stopover between Vladivostok and Moscow will be Irkutsk. The party will stay in Moscow two days.

Dying From Cholera.

Shanghai, China, Aug. 30.—Two hundred are dying daily in the streets of Wuhu and Kukiang, where the cholera epidemic is spreading.

Show the substituter that you have a mind of your own by getting WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

INDIANS TO GET MONEY.

Big Wheat Crop Puts Money in Whatever Lo Carries It In.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 30.—Nearly \$50,000 will be paid to the Indians of the Umatilla Indian reservation soon for the rentals of their farming lands. The money is paid to the agent by the renters, who, on a fixed date pay it to the owners. Payments are made in April and October, but on account of the recent turmoil which has been going on in the office of the agency over the conduct of the former agent, O. C. Edwards, no payments have been made for nearly a year. Since the arrival of Major Patridge the force has been getting the financial rolls in shape for the payment, which will be made in a week or ten days.

The money has been badly needed by many of the Indians, especially the old and infirm, and comes none too soon to prevent hardships on the part of some of them.

Angry at Uncle Sam.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 30.—Uncle Sam's reclamation service will likely come in for some harsh criticisms at a meeting here tomorrow of settlers from the Puma valley, Arizona, the Imperial valley and other irrigation districts.

The session is preliminary to the National Irrigation congress, which will be held here next week. It is alleged by the representatives of the water users' associations that the reclamation service made false representations to the settlers in order to secure their signatures to contracts mortgaging their homes to the government for an unknown amount, and that the estimate cost of the irrigation works was grossly and willfully misrepresented.

Leaders in the movement state that at tomorrow's meeting a petition demanding an investigation of the reclamation service will be prepared and forwarded to President Roosevelt.

As a specific instance, it is alleged that the estimated cost of the Laguna dam was given at \$900,000, whereas the project, when completed, will have cost nearly \$2,000,000, aggregating about \$75 an acre for the land included in the district.

Snipes as Surgeons.

Paris, Aug. 30.—That snipes are competent surgeons, and often blind broken limbs in splints, is the testimony advanced by Dr. Eusebio Dauret, a distinguished French naturalist, who declares that he himself has often witnessed such a phenomenon. This is a direct contradiction of President Roosevelt, who, in the recent warfare with nature fakers, declared that for snipe, woodchuck or other birds to manifest such ability was palpably absurd and impossible. The statement of Dr. Dauret is supposed by Theodore Wood of London and other European naturalists.

Prepare for Blizzards.

Winnipeg, Kan., Aug. 30.—When "the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast" come howling down upon the prairies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan this winter, the settlers will be prepared for a better defense than they have been able to make in past years. The widespread suffering that resulted from the severity of last winter's blizzards has served as a lasting lesson, and every effort is now being made by the government and the railroads to secure a sufficient supply of coal for the coming season of cold.

Heavy shipments of coal are being sent out from all the mines of the western provinces and dealers and householders are laying in a sufficient supply of fuel to last through the winter.

TANGLED MASSES OF IRON TELL OF DISASTER

Of 102 Men Carried Down By the Fall of the Great Bridge Across the St. Lawrence River, Only Ten Are Accounted For

Looking for the Bodies.

Quebec, Aug. 30.—Divers went down today to explore the river bottom for the bodies carried down with the collapse of the bridge last night. An investigation by the authorities into the possible criminal origin of the disaster began today. There were 102 skilled American workmen on the bridge. Only 10 are known to have escaped, and two of these are dying today. Hundreds of workmen, under trained engineers, are working to save the injured, who are pinned by the steel wreckage above the water.

Quebec, Aug. 29.—A section of the new bridge across the St. Lawrence river, five miles below this city, collapsed late today, carrying scores of bridge workmen and mechanics into the water. It is estimated that the loss of life is at least 60, and may exceed that number by 20.

The bridge was about a mile and a half long, and half of it, from the south shore to midstream, crumpled up and dropped into the water. Ninety-nine men were at work on this section of the structure, and the whistle had blown at 5:30 for them to quit work for the day, when there came a grinding sound from the bridge midstream. The men turned to see what had happened, and an instant later the cry went up: "The bridge is falling."

The men made a rush shoreward, but the distance was too great for them to escape. The falling section of the bridge dragged others after it. The snapping girders and cables boomed like a crash of artillery. Terror lent fleetness to the feet of the frightened workmen as they sped shoreward, but only a few of them reached safety before the last piece of iron work on the south shore was dragged into the river.

Near the shore the wreckage of the bridge did not go below the surface of the water, and eight workmen who remained above the water were rescued and taken to the hospital at Levis. The steamer Glenmont had just cleared the bridge when the first section fell. The water thrown up by the debris came clear over the bridge of the steamer. The captain at once ordered out all the small boats. They plied back and forward over the sunken wreckage for half an hour, but there was no sign of life.

The twisted iron and steel held its victims in a terrible death grip. A few floating timbers and the broken strands of the bridge toward the north shore were the only signs that anything unusual had happened. There was not a ripple on the smooth surface of the St. Lawrence

as it swept along toward the gulf.

All the drowned men were employees of the Phoenixville Bridge Company and sub-contractors of Quebec and Montreal. At 10 p. m. 16 bodies had been recovered.

The Quebec bridge was begun about seven years ago, and was to have been finished in 1909. Subsidies had been granted by the federal and provincial governments and the City of Quebec, and the estimated cost of the work was \$10,000,000. The Phoenixville Bridge Company, of Pennsylvania, had the contract for the construction of the bridge, and crews were working from both sides of the river.

Quebec, Aug. 29.—A steamer with 30 doctors and newspaper men left here at 8:15 for the scene of the bridge disaster. It is reported here that the loss of life was over 50. Nearly half of the bridge, beginning at the south shore, fell into the river. The bridge was about a mile and a half long, and was nearly finished.

MOORS FIGHT FIERCELY

Tangier, Morocco, Aug. 30.—Fifteen thousand Moors are gathered for the attack on Casa Blanca. The defenders expect the most serious attack yet. Details of Wednesday's battle say 12,000 joined in the attack, returning again and again over the bodies of their fallen comrades. Thousands of shells were fired from the warships.

BORAH IN A HURRY.

Didn't Like to Pose as an Indicted Criminal.

Boise, Aug. 29.—Senator Borah has telegraphed James H. Hawley, chief council for the state in the Adams and Pettibone cases, to return to Boise at once. Hawley has been retained by Borah in the land fraud case pending in the United States district court which convenes September 9. Borah has made a demand on the government that he be served with a copy of the indictment and be given an immediate trial. It is evident that either the Borah or Adams trials will have to go over until after October 1, which is the date for the Pettibone trial.

To Visit San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Vice-President Fairbanks will reach this city at 7:30 Saturday evening, and will be met at the station by a delegation of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity men of Stanford, where the vice-president will spend Saturday night and Sunday. Monday he will return to San Francisco, and be entertained by the Pacific Union Club.

To Succeed Bonaparte.

New York, Aug. 30.—The financial news bureau today reports that Frank B. Kellogg, counsel for the Interstate commerce commission, will soon succeed Bonaparte. The report says it is understood that "financial interests regard the appointment as satisfactory."

Japanese Matters.

Tokio, Aug. 30.—The government has decided to issue domestic bonds amounting to \$79,000,000 some time in October.

One hundred and twenty Japanese have explored and occupied Pratas, an uninhabited island between Hong Kong and Luzon; 250 more explorers are going.

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