

GREAT TUNNEL IS OPENED

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little stand had been erected for the president and his party right at the edge of the cut and looking down 150 feet to the opening of the tunnel. The tunnel has been hewn through six miles of a mountain range, and which, when the project is completed, next spring, will divert the waters of the Gunnison river, now flowing away in waste to the Gulf of California, to the valley on this side of the mountains, where minor private projects of irrigation already have told the wonders of the soil.

Unique Scene.

The vista of rolling hills and barren mountain ranges, the mesas and lands stretching along the hazy horizon, the surrounding acres of sage and greasewood, the red light of the slanting sun, the black clouds of curling smoke from a "double-header" train climbing up the winding pathway of the tunnel, the 6,000-foot elevation at the tunnel mouth, was to make the scene one to be remembered by the present as unique in all his travels. During the day Mr. Taft was presented with a golden key to the city of Montrose, a gold badge commemorating his visit, and a gold table bell. It was with this little bell that the president opened the tunnel. The weight of the bell when set upon a copper plate representing the district of reclaimed land made there electrical connection which caused a squad of laborers, several miles away, to knock down the bulkheads which were holding back the waters of the river. As the muddy wall of water rushed out of the concrete hole the crowd gave a spontaneous cheer.

In all of his speeches today, including the last one delivered at 9 o'clock tonight at Elk Park, following an illuminated parade and a display of fireworks, the president touched briefly on the subject of irrigation. He promised at Grand Junction promptly to look into the matter of completing the Grand valley, or high-line, ditch project there, which was begun a year ago by former Secretary of the Interior Garfield on a partnership arrangement between the government and the land owners. Secretary Ballinger ordered the work stopped, and was upheld in his action by Attorney General Wickensham, who declared the contract and the "Garfield currency" certificates which had been issued for work performed to be illegal.

Unfortunate Incident.

But one little incident marred the president's visit, and that was at the conclusion of the tunnel opening this afternoon, when one of the 22 Colorado sheriffs who had accompanied the president across the state got into an altercation with H. L. Daniels, superintendent of the tunnel, when the latter was trying to shake hands with the president. Mr. Daniels was knocked down and for a time trouble was threatened, as his friends were quick to resent the action of the officer, who during the scuffle pulled an enormous pistol from his belt. The president heard the quarrel and stopped for a moment as he was making his way to the train.

Secretary Ballinger, who is accom-

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panying the president, made a speech here tonight. He referred to the subject of reclamation, however, only in a general way and his talk was brief, owing to throat trouble. At Grand Junction in the early afternoon the president shook hands with several Indians, one of them being Chipela, the squaw of Chief Ouray, one of the famous chiefs of this section.

In his Grand Junction speech Mr. Taft said:

"It seems to me, as I look back upon my course since I reached Colorado, that there has been nothing but a flow of speeches; but as the wonders of your country open, it is very difficult to restrain an expression of the effect of these developments upon a man who has looked at them as I have. You look at the country in some places and it would seem as if this were the most God-forsaken place there was on the earth. Then you progress a mile or two and you see the influence of water and it seems a paradise. It is almost like the rubbing of Aladdin's lamp, and in the production of such beauty, such prosperity and such happiness the stone which was rejected by the builders has become the head stone of the corner. I am glad to see by your applause that there are some who recognize the scriptural reference. "Now, what has been done here in the valley? Done largely or entirely by private enterprise, but there are a good many enterprises that involve the outlay of capital so large or require so much risk that it is probably better to have the government pay. You have an enterprise here that is just begun. What I propose to do is to examine the situation with as much care as possible, and if the circumstances justify it, to ask congress to give us authority to take steps which will enable the settlers ultimately to reap the harvest that has been making so long. I agree sometimes that it is a little difficult, but we shall struggle to do the best we can in Washington."

No "Morning After."

Speaking in Montrose today, the president said:

"I have felt thrilled today by the description of your resources in this valley. The truth is, I understand why you go dry in these towns. It is because this air has all the effect of champagne without the had day that follows. It is seen in the smiles of your people, in their active steps, in their enterprise and in their optimism. Your chairman has referred to the paternalism of the government, and it has made me think of the exact power of the constitution which authorized the United States government to go into the business of marrying the water to your earth. I suppose that it grew originally, and probably will continue to exist, by reason of the ownership by the United States of the public domain which it is engaged in distributing to its citizens, and that the government felt authorized to assist those who should settle the domain by investing a large amount of money in enterprises which could not be entered upon by individuals because of the risk of loss in order to ultimately encourage a great and a happy population.

General Welfare.

"Perhaps it comes under the general welfare clause which has been made so much use of by each party when it wanted to do anything which was of doubtful power under any other clause. However that may be, we are in it, and the great Gunnison tunnel is built, and this valley with an unpromisable name is going to blossom like the rose. "I have been laboring under the impression for the last four or five days that I was generally known to the people of the United States so that they could not mistake me, but it was reserved for a gentleman of your committee today, when he and I were presented, to question my identity, and I had to get well. I won't say a certificate—but I had to protest that I was what I seemed to be. Now, that is a good thing. A man goes along in life and thinks he has achieved a certain position, and then every once in a while he gets a jolt. He may get it from his wife. The truth is, in my family that is one of the most useful functions that she performs. It is to keep your head so as to retain your common sense and have you act without the thought that you are absorbing the whole horizon. But I have digressed into domestic matters. "I want to come back again to the

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stomach and a knowledge of the limits of the brute force of the motive power, be that man or beast. "Our conquest was only possible with the accumulated lessons of early ages of experience. The failures of our less-successful predecessors were stepping stones to our success. The real pathfinders of the pole were the early Danish, the Dutch, the English and the Norse, Italian and American explorers. With these worthy forerunners we must, therefore, share the good fruits which your chairman has put into my basket.

An Obligation.

"A similar obligation is due to the wild man. The twin families of wild folk, the Eskimo and the Indian, were important factors to us. The use of pemican and the snowshoe, which makes the penetration of the Arctic mystery barely possible, has been borrowed from the American Indian. The method of travel, the motor force and the native ingenuity, without which the polar quest would be a hopeless task, have been taken from the Eskimo. To savage man, therefore, who has no flag, we are bound to give a part of this fruit. "The John H. Bradley, the man who paid the bills, belongs at least one-half of this fruit. "The Canadian government sent its expedition under Captain Bernier 1,000 miles out of its course to help us to it. I gladly pass the basket of good things which the chairman has placed upon my shoulders.

Certain Phases.

"Nothing would suit me better than to tell you the complete story of our quest, but the very first telegram gives more specific data than I could hope to tell you in an after-dinner address. Therefore I shall devote the allotted time to an elucidation of certain phases of our adventure. "One of the most remarkable charges brought out is that I did not seek a geographic license to start for the pole. Now, gentlemen, to the large public that may be all mystery, but those who know will appreciate that no explorer can start and say that he will reach the pole. Many good men have tried but all have failed. All who understand the problem will know that success is but barely possible when every conceivable circumstance is favorable. It is only necessary to announce that an expedition embarks for the pole to start an undesirable bombast and flourish of trumpets. This I chose to escape. Mr. Bradley furnished the funds. I shaped the destiny of the expedition. For the time being the business concerned us only. I believed then as I believe now, that if we succeeded there would be time enough to fly the banner of victory. You are here tonight—Mr. Bradley is here and I am here. We have come together to celebrate that victory. "Now, gentlemen, I appeal to you as explorers and as men, am I bound to appeal to anybody, to any man, to any body of men, for a license to look for the pole?

No Advantage.

"You know we had every possible aid to success to sledge traveling. A big ship is no advantage. An army of white men, who at best are novices, is a distinct handicap, while a cumbersome luxury of equipment is fatal to progress. We chose to lead a life as simple as that of Adam, and we forced the strands of human endurance to scientific limits. If you recall the pole there is no other way. For our simple needs, Mr. Bradley furnished sufficient funds. We were not overburdened with the usual aid to pleasure and comfort. But I did not start for that purpose. "Now, as to the efforts of the press to force things of their picking from important records into print—in reply to this I have taken the stand that I have already given a tangible account of our journey. It is the complete and preliminary reports of any previous explorers. The data, the observations, and records are of exactly the same character. Heretofore, such evidence has been taken with faith, and the complete record was not expected to appear for years, whereas we agree to deliver all within a few months. "Now, gentlemen, about the pole. We arrived April 21, 1908. We discovered new land along the 102nd meridian between the 84th and 82d parallels. Beyond this there was absolutely no life and no land. The ice was in large, heavy fields with few pressure lines. The drift was south of east; the wind was south of west. "Clear weather gave good, regular observations nearly every day. These observations, combined with those at the pole on the 21st and 22nd of April, are sufficient to guarantee our claims. When taken in connection with the general record, you do not require this. I can see that, but this and all the other records will come to you in the due course of events.

Debt of Gratitude.

"I cannot sit down without acknowledging to you and to the living Arctic explorers my debt of gratitude for their valuable assistance. The report of this polar success has come with a sudden force, but in the present enthusiasm we must not forget the fathers of the art of polar travel. There is glory enough for all. There is enough to go to the graves of the dead and to the heads of the living. "Many are here tonight. The names are too numerous to mention. Special mention for honors must be made to Greeley, Schley, Melville, Peary, Flah, Nansen, Aulund, Cagni, Sverdrup, Amundsen, Nordenskjold and a number of English and other explorers."

Wires to Burrill.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Hamilton, Sept. 23.—Edward Burrill, the guide who was the only man

HUBBARD IS GIVEN RECORDS

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"Concerning Dr. Cook," said General

Hubbard tonight, "I would say let him submit his records and data to some competent authority and let that authority draw its own conclusions from the notes and records taken in the field. "It is for the scientific tribunal—whether the Royal Geographical society, the Danish or any other society—to say whether conclusions have been reached by consideration of the records. All that is wanted is the data and records made in the Arctic. Competent authority will determine from them where Dr. Cook has been. I may say that Commander Peary will also be expected to turn over his data and observations for the same purpose. What proof Peary has that Dr. Cook was not at the pole may be submitted later."

COMMENCES SUIT.

Butte, Sept. 23.—Wesley Wicbusch today began suit for \$50,000 against the Red Metal Mining company. Wicbusch's arm was shattered in 11 places as the result, it is alleged, of the company falling to have gates on the cage. The Red Metal company is the operating company of the Butte Coalition.

TWO ARE KILLED.

Barcelona, Sept. 23.—Religious rioting at Castro yesterday resulted in the killing of two men and the wounding of 56 others. A religious procession, with the local priest at its head, was attacked and the priest and another man were killed.

REVENUE INCREASES.

Washington, Sept. 22.—There was an aggregate increase of \$1,190,937 in internal revenue receipts for last month, as compared with the corresponding period of 1908, the receipts aggregating \$29,284,735. For spirits the total revenue was \$9,318,873, which is an increase of over \$285,000, as compared with the 1908 receipts for the same month; tobacco receipts aggregated \$4,749,993, which is an increase of almost half a million dollars; fermented liquors, \$6,978,549, which is an increase of almost half a million dollars.

A NEW MACHINE.

Lucerne, Switzerland, Sept. 22.—A new American aviator, Dale Hurlburt, has made several successful aeroplane flights here lately. His machine is different from existing aeroplanes in so much as it travels lengthwise through the air and has two propellers, one in front and another behind.

RESUMES OPERATIONS.

Butte, Sept. 22.—The Silver Bow mine of the Amalgamated Copper company resumed operations tonight after a shutdown since last Sunday, necessitated by repairs.

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with Dr. Frederick A. Cook when he claims to have scaled Mount McKinley and is the only man besides the doctor who can settle this disputed question, received a telegram tonight from Dr. Cook asking him to meet the explorer in New York as soon as possible. No reason is stated why the doctor desires to have Hurrill join him in New York. Hurrill showed the message to several of his friends in the city tonight, but declined to say whether he would comply with the request or not. He is more reticent in regard to the climbing of Mount McKinley. Recently he told a representative of the Associated Press that he would prepare an affidavit regarding the trip up the Alaska peak and furnish it to the Associated Press for publication when Dr. Cook arrived in the United States. As to the nature of the affidavit and what it would disclose he has refused to say a word. Since his location became known he has been deluged with telegrams and letters from newspapers, lawyers, Arctic societies and private individuals and companies making flattering offers of money for his story, but he has declined so far to accept any of these offers.



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DRUGS LESS USED IN HOSPITALS NOW

Washington, Sept. 22.—Striking illustrations of the rapid decline in the use of drugs in the various hospitals of the country featured today's session of the eleventh annual conference of the American Hospital Association here. They were shown in the report presented by Dr. R. R. Ross, superintendent of Buffalo (N. Y.) general hospital. "It is difficult to predict what the future of medicine in hospitals is going to be," said Dr. Ross. "Undoubtedly drugs will continue to be used, but other agencies still unknown to us will have a place. There will, perhaps, be doctors to preach and pray, doctors to prescribe the correct methods for the use of the mind, specialists on fresh air and exercise, and doctors to prescribe drugs and operate. These statements may seem to be in lighter vein, yet hospitals are beginning to adapt themselves to the changed conditions."

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DENIES A PARDON.

Washington, Sept. 22.—President Taft has denied a pardon to John P. Powers, former superintendent of construction of the South & Western railroad, who was convicted at Statesville, N. C., of perjury and charged in the official papers with inflicting almost innumerable brutal punishments on a negro employe. Powers was sentenced April 23, last, to 15 months' imprisonment.

FOOD FOR SUFFERERS.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Consul General Hanna, in a report today to the department of state, says food, by mule trains, is being hurried to the flood sufferers in the Mexican district of Monterrey. Clothing and blankets follow the trains as rapidly as possible. This kind of distribution will be continued until the railroads are open.

If you are not a member of the Out West Social association, better fill out application blank and get membership card. Cards and application blanks at D. C. Smith's drug store or Gleason's cigar store. Will open the club rooms of this association Saturday, September 25.

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