

TRIP IS BEGUN BY OCEAN LINER

MAURETANIA STARTS RETURN VOYAGE IN EFFORT TO BREAK THE WORLD'S RECORD.

JOURNALIST ON BOARD

English Newspaper Man Puts in Strenuous Day in New York, Getting Used to American Customs and Will Write "Thirty-Eight Hours' Impressions of America."

New York, Dec. 17.—Thirty-eight hours after she had put in at her dock, the Mauretania departed at 6 o'clock tonight and it was hoped to complete the round trip from Liverpool in 12 days and thus establish a new world's record. On board was W. P. Holt, British journalist, who came over to "do" America for a London Daily Mail in the 25 hours between trips.

The Mauretania was ready to sail shortly after noon, although Captain Turner had expected to have his hands full in getting ready for the scheduled departure at 6 o'clock. The cargo, principally apples, was stored by swarms of longshoremen.

The bunkers received their 8,200 tons of coal from a fleet of 36 barges. The ship's laundry, 40,000 pieces of linen, was rushed ashore the minute the Mauretania docked yesterday morning and was back again and the refrigerators were stacked with provisions.

Three-quarters of an hour before sailing time the last of the thousands of Christmas mail sacks left the post-office and were hurried to the pier. The 450 cabin passengers climbed aboard and the Mauretania backed into the river.

Captain Turner hopes to touch at Queenstown Thursday midnight. If he does, he will establish a world's record for the round trip.

A Busy Journalist. Mr. Holt completed his continental assignment today with a round of sightseeing in New York. He took in Central park, Fifth avenue, the department stores and most of the other tourist delights, with a brief interview with Governor-elect Dix for extra measure.

"Nice chap," he said. "Fine chap. You fellows over here have your political people better trained than we do. They are really quite docile."

This fresh-faced, blue-eyed man, with crisp, gray hair, met with one disappointment. He could not find a department store that checked habits for its customers while they shopped.

"I want to see them check the kid gloves," he insisted, until it was explained to him that the practice had been discontinued because of complications which once followed an exchange of checks.

Just before he left Mr. Holt explained the meaning of his visit: "You Americans set up championships with conditions which you frame," he said. "You admire your antlers for doing things in a hurry, even when there is no reason for it."

"Perhaps the proprietor of my paper saw in this trip a chance to set it down on record that hustlers as the Americans are, they have no monopoly of the quality."

CONVICT IN OREGON ATTACKS HIS GUARD

Salem, Ore., Dec. 17.—Jerry Simpson, a guard at the state penitentiary, was stabbed several times today by Thomas O'Rourke, a convict. He may die. O'Rourke was being shaved with the other convicts, with Simpson guarding the room. O'Rourke objected to having his hair cut and, when reprimanded by Simpson, drew a knife from his clothes and assaulted the guard. Where the convict got the knife is a mystery. The statutes of Oregon prescribe it a capital offense to assault the superintendent, warden or a guard inside the walls of the prison.

WILD AND WOOLLY NEW YORK EXPERIENCES A REAL HOLDUP

New York, Dec. 17.—Seven men walked into a tenderloin gambling club early this morning, held up the 25 inmates and robbed them of all their money and valuables. The exact amount of the haul is not known.

The raid was evidently carefully planned for it was executed with precision. The leaders brushed past the lookout at the door, shouted "Hands up!" and then fired a dozen shots over the heads of the men in the room to frighten them. One man demurred and jumped from a second-story window.

TALK OF WAR DENOUNCED BY TAFT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE SAYS WE ARE AT PEACE AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO.

JOURNALIST SPEAKS AT BANQUET

Tells of the Worthiness of a Movement for a Permanent Court of Arbitral Justice and Universal Peace—Summarizes National Defenses and Advises Wise Military Preparation.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Taft addressing the closing banquet tonight of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, allayed "the so-called scare which has furnished pabulum for newspapers in the last few days." He said:

"There is not the slightest reason for such a sensation because we are at peace with all the nations of the world and are quite likely to remain so."

He said his purpose in outlining the preparedness of the United States for war "at a peace meeting" was to show by contrast the great worthiness of the movement for a permanent court of arbitral justice and universal peace. The president summarized the condition of the national defenses and urged that a policy of "wise military preparation" be pursued. He emphasized the fact that the American people never would consent to the maintenance of a standing army sufficient to cope with that of the greater powers.

General Stewart L. Woodford, United States ambassador to Spain when the Spanish-American war broke out, was toastmaster. Besides a speech by President Taft, others were made by the French ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, Major General Frederick D. Grant, Richard Bartholdt, Martin W. Littleton, Thomas Nelson Page and W. Bourke Cockran.

The banquet concluded a three days' program of speeches principally on the question of establishment of a permanent court of arbitral justice. James Brown Scott, president of the society, said a conference of this nature never had been witnessed before in this or any other country.

Trend is Abolition of War.

The general trend of the discussion was toward the abolition of war, an ideal for which Andrew Carnegie has just donated \$1,500,000 to help realize.

The analogy of the supreme court as an international law court that may be used as a prototype for the proposed international tribunal, rejuvenated the sovereignty competition in the days of Webster and Clay. Public opinion as the sovereign of all nations was cited as the real force which would have to be developed to make a permanent court of arbitral justice a reality.

Just before the closing session adjourned at noon today, President Taft was re-elected honorary president and John Hays Hammond was elected president. Governor-elect Simon E. Baldwin of Connecticut, vice president; Theodore Marburg of Baltimore, secretary; J. G. Schmidsapp, Cincinnati, treasurer.

The executive council will be: H. P. MacFarland of Washington; W. W. Willoughby of Baltimore and James Brown Scott of Washington, retiring president of the society.

General Grant.

Major General Frederick D. Grant, son of General U. S. Grant, whose words "Let us have peace" have been closely associated with his military achievements, was one of the speakers at tonight's banquet. He read a letter written by President Grant in 1873 to the Universal Peace union, in which he suggested a permanent court of arbitration. The development of which is one of the chief objects of the conference of the American Society of Judicial Settlements. The letter said in part:

"I look forward to a day when there will be courts established that shall be recognized by all nations which will take into consideration all differences."

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"UNCLE, YOU HAVE GROWN!"



STOCKMAN KILLED BY UNKNOWN

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 17.—Andrew Russell, a wealthy stockraiser and farmer, residing two miles south of this city, was shot and killed at his home tonight by an unknown assassin. A sheriff's posse is searching for the assailant. Russell was called into the yard. A few moments later the family was startled by four shots. They rushed to the doors, to be met by the father, who staggered into the room and fell dead. Members of the family heard the murderer ride away on horseback.

NORRIS' GREETING TO ENGLISH PEOPLE

GOVERNOR OF MONTANA SENDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OF ENGLAND.

Helena, Dec. 17.—Telegrams were exchanged today between Governor Edwin L. Norris and W. P. Holt, the English newspaper man who is making a 58-hour stay in America. Today Governor Norris received a message from Holt of the Daily Telegraph of London, who arrived in New York Friday and was to return on the Mauretania, leaving this evening, in which he asked the honor of conveying the Montana governor's suitable Christmas message to the English people.

The governor replied as follows: "It is a great pleasure to convey to the people of Great Britain, through a representative of the London Daily Telegraph, on the Mauretania's record-breaking trip between England and America, my hearty felicitations. On the eve of this happy holiday season it is profitable to reflect upon intimate ties existing between the United States and the mother country and to express the hope that these bonds may knit more closely as years go by, until that first Christmas carol, 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,' shall find exemplification in the lives of the two great peoples."

FEAGLE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

MAN SUSPECTED OF BERNHARDT MURDERS IS CLEARED OF THE CHARGE

Kansas City, Dec. 17.—John Feagle, charged by the officials of Johnson county, Kan., with the murder of Mrs. Emeline Bernhardt, one of the victims of a quadruple murder, near here, was released from custody this afternoon. C. B. Little, the Johnson county prosecutor, gave the order following the receipt of a letter from Chief Zimner of Kansas City, Kan., announcing the chief's belief in Feagle's innocence. The coroner's jury at Olathe, Kan., investigating the murders on the Bernhardt farm, today questioned three important witnesses.

Walter Button was taken to Olathe today from his home in Cottonwood Falls, Kan., to explain what became of a letter that was left at the Bernhardt farm for him three days before the quadruple tragedy became known. Button today identified the body of one of the victims of the tragedy as that of Charles Graves of Portland, Ore., a farmhand employed by the Bernhardts last summer.

"I went to work on the Bernhardt farm November 13 and stayed there until Thanksgiving day," he said. "Then I met Charles Graves, later murdered with the Bernhardts. He was looking for work and I told him he could have my job if he could arrange it. Then I went to Cottonwood Falls."

Shortly following the release of Feagle the coroner's jury returned a verdict finding that the murders were committed by some unidentified person.

The jurors listened intently to Feagle when he addressed them after all of the witnesses had finished their testimony.

"I did not kill them," he said. "Only my lanky, foolish talk got me into this trouble. I'm not very bright. I don't know how to look after myself and keep out of trouble."

Feagle was subsilient over his release. His wife swooned. The released prisoner said he entertained no hard feelings against the officers for keeping him in prison. He does not believe it would have been safe for him to have gone home until his name was cleared. An hour after his release Feagle was at his home on his farm.

The only theory that the Johnson county authorities have left to work on is that a man in corduroy suit, who, before the bodies were found, was seen near the Bernhardt farm a few days before, knows something about the murders. Search for him will be continued.

IS GAGGED IN COURT FOR TOO MUCH TALK

WIFE MURDERER IS DEAD AS RESULT OF INJURIES

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Alvin Miskimmon, aged 28, who shot and killed his wife, aged 22, and then shot himself last night, died early today. A wound inflicted by City Marshal Anderson, who had been appealed to for help by Miskimmon's wife, together with the self-inflicted injury, caused the murderer's death.

Miskimmon deserted his wife in San Pedro, Cal., last summer, where she lived with her sister, Mrs. O. C. Byrnes. Evidently it was his intention also to kill his wife's sister, Emma Forsythe, but the interference of the marshal saved the life of the latter.

RELEASED ON PAROLE.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17.—James Donaldson, a well-known sporting man, was released from the penitentiary today on parole. He has served nearly two years of a 10-year sentence for his part in a confidence game wherein two Scotchmen, named McWhirter, were fleeced out of \$10,000. The police department was attacked in connection with the affair and the "McWhirter case" was a prominent issue in the municipal campaign of 1909.

PHONOGRAPH AT FUNERAL.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 17.—Phonographic music supplanted the usual singers at the funeral here today of Mrs. Byron McClelland, widow of a widely-known turfman and one of the wealthiest women in the south.

WOULD LESSEN DIVORCE

Lavina, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Daniel Slayton, representative-elect of Fergus county, stated today that he was framing a bill which he will introduce at the coming meeting of the legislature. The bill takes away the right of performing marriage ceremonies by justices of the peace. Mr. Slayton claims that a justice of the peace, in many cases, marries parties that a minister would refuse to marry. This would prevent a great many undesirable marriages and would, therefore, lend some aid in solving the divorce evil.

LIPPITT IS BOOMED FOR SENATE

AT DINNER IN PROVIDENCE SUCCESSOR TO ALDRICH IS GIVEN GOOD START.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 17.—The candidacy of Henry F. Lippitt for the United States senatorship to be voluntarily relinquished by Nelson W. Aldrich and his colleague, Senator George P. Wetmore, and Congressman William P. Sheffield came from Washington, to lend their support to Mr. Lippitt, who is the announced successor of Aldrich.

All the senators-elect of the next general assembly were invited and 70 out of 90 attended. Of those not present many are reckoned as supporters of Judge LeBaron Colt, who will be Mr. Lippitt's chief rival before the legislature.

Senator Aldrich, who was given a hearty reception, extolled Mr. Lippitt. The latter announced that he was a protectionist and advocated government revision of transportation rates.

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ELECTION CONTEST IS HEARD.

Helena, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The election contest of Duncan against Sullivan, in which the office of county treasurer is involved, is being heard here by Judge Stewart of Bozeman and Judge Cheadle of Lewistown. Six precincts in Helena were counted; the net result being a gain of one for Duncan. On the official count Sullivan was successful by 17 votes.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN DIES.

New York, Dec. 17.—Wallace Foots, Jr., of Port Henry, N. Y., a former representative from the Twenty-third New York district, died today.

SHALE DOUCHE FOR USE IN MINES

PROFESSOR IN CHICAGO TELLS HOW TO LESSEN DANGER OF EXPLOSIONS.

DISCOVERY OF EXPERTS FAVORS A COMMISSION

It is Claimed That a Solution of Shale Dust and Water Sprinkled in Tunnels and Shafts of Coal Mines Will Prevent Formation of Gas—Leaves Coating on Walls.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Professor Thomas C. Chamberlain of the University of Chicago, in a magazine article issued today, declares that government experts have made discoveries by which the danger of such mine disasters as those at Cherry, Ill., and in West Virginia can be eliminated. He says the discoveries have not been given publicity by the federal bureau of mines.

Professor Chamberlain speaks of the discoveries as follows:

Sprinkle Tunnels and Shafts. "Spraying the tunnels and shafts of mines with a douche of shale dust and water at frequent intervals will not only make the coal dust and walls almost proof against fire and sudden explosion, but will prevent the rise of much of the gas that makes an explosion possible.

"The danger from too strong ventilation is obviated by this method. The drying shale forms a coating over the dust and air currents sufficient to clear out any gases that may accumulate and may be sent through the mine without fear.

"In this way, even if a local explosion is inevitable at times from the sudden issue of gas, its general spread through the mine is made much less probable, if not actually impossible."

KNOCKOUT PROVES FATAL TO KID FARRELL

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Edward (Kid) Gardner, a local lightweight pugilist, died in a hospital in this city this afternoon from injuries received last night in a bout with John Kain at the Nonpareil Athletic club. Gardner, who was 21 years old, never regained consciousness after being sent to the floor for the final count. He died from a fracture of the skull. Kain, who is 22 years old, is in the county prison, the committing magistrate having refused to accept bail, and others connected with the fatal bout were held in bond as witnesses.

"TIP"-GIVING AGENCIES UNDER GOVERNMENT BAN

Washington, Dec. 17.—Horse race and market tipsters and others who purpose to have "exclusive inside information" of "sure winners" at the races and of what may happen in the stock market, may soon find the department of justice calling upon them to show that their business is legitimate.

It is the department's intention to rid the United States mails of all frauds. Complaints have been made to the bureau of investigation against some of the Wall street "tip" agencies and a partial investigation is afoot to determine if there is any evidence of wrongdoing.

STORK TRAIN POPULAR.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 17.—The stork train from New York, bearing 53 orphans and foundling babies, reached here on time and was given a warm reception. The demand for the tiny folk proved so strong that the quota for the city was speedily exhausted and the supply destined for San Antonio narrowly escaped confiscation.

"BLACK HAND" VICTIM.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 17.—John Lomanco, the victim of a "Black Hand" plot, died today from wounds received October 3, at which time his 4-year-old daughter Caroline was shot. Lomanco is the third "Black Hand" victim of this section in the past few months.

BUDGET COMMITTEE PROPOSED IN RESOLUTION BEFORE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 17.—For the purpose of limiting appropriations by congress to the amount actually in sight in the way of government revenues, Representative Sherley of Kentucky introduced a resolution in the house today providing for a committee on estimates and expenditures. The committee is to be in substance a budget committee, which will consider the available revenue, apportion it amongst the various branches and departments and systematically prune down estimates until they come within available funds.

The Sherley resolution provides for the committee to include the chairmen, four ranking majority members and three ranking minority members, respectively of the ways and means committee and the appropriations committee, and the chairmen and one ranking minority member each, from the other committees which pass upon appropriation bills. In this way all committees having to do with raising or appropriating revenues would have representation on the budget committee.

LODGE SPEAKS ON TARIFF REVISION

ASSERTS THAT WHOLE REVISION WOULD BE AN "UNMITIGATED INJUSTICE."

DISCOVERY OF EXPERTS FAVORS A COMMISSION

Hayburn of Idaho Announces Direct and Unyielding Opposition to All Efforts at Piece-Meal Alteration—Says "Finespun Scheme" Might Cause Revision of Wool Schedule.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Asserting wholesale revision of the tariff to be an "unmitigated injustice to the business interests of the country and ruinous to the party that undertakes them," Senator Lodge, in a speech today in the senate, supported the tariff amendment by sections.

He spoke on a motion to refer the Cummins joint resolution to the committee on rules. The house, he said, now had power to bring in special rules to cut out amendments. He believed the senate could adopt a similar plan.

He did not believe necessary such a general law as is contemplated by the resolution. Senator Lodge announced himself in accord with the president's tariff commission plan.

Speaking of the desirability of the amendment of the tariff in separate parts, rather than as a whole, Mr. Lodge said that more than one occasion had arisen which rendered desirable alteration of portions of the tariff, but that such changes could not be undertaken without entering upon a revision of all these schedules.

No Piecemeal Revision for Hayburn. "It may be said," Mr. Lodge argued, "that it is easy for the majority to vote down objectionable amendments, but the range is so great as to render it impracticable to offer any amendment that does not open up the whole subject."

Mr. Hayburn announced direct and unyielding opposition to the Cummins resolution and to all effort at piecemeal revision. His expressed intention that the "finespun scheme" might bring about a revision of the wool schedule, because the manufacturing states want wool treated as raw material.

The resolution was left on the table for further discussion.

WEIGHERS ARE SENTENCED.

New York, Dec. 17.—Charles D. Drew and Charles Nardell, former "boss" government weighers, who were convicted last September in the United States circuit court of taking bribes money from Thomas S. Doyle, employed on the Arbutuck docks in Brooklyn for the false weighing of sugar, were sentenced today by Judge Martin to 10 months each in the New York penitentiary on Blackwell's island. Judge Martin granted a stay of 60 days so that the convicted men may appeal.

LAND IS WITHDRAWN.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Under the provisions of an act of congress, approximately 2,929 acres along the Boulder river, in township 6, ranges 4 and 5 west, Montana meridian, have been withdrawn for water power sites.

ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTE SEES PROGRESS HERE

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Philip Snowden, the English suffragette, sailing for Europe today on the Arabic, said the woman's suffrage cause is making wonderful progress in the United States.

"I have been in more than 40 states," she said, "and I have seen signs of marked progress. Most gratifying, however, are the advances made during the last year in New York. I have had such a good time here that I am coming back as soon as I can."

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