

ROOT TO RESIGN TAFT TO SUCCEED

Secretary of War Will Give Up Portfolio Because of Alaskan Commission Duties.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Before Secretary Root sails for London to sit with the Alaskan commission he will place his resignation in the hands of President Roosevelt, in order that the president may appoint a secretary of war if it is deemed necessary during Secretary Root's absence.

It is expected, however, that the resignation will not be acted upon until after congress meets, and the appointment of Mr. Root's successor will depend somewhat upon the length of time that Secretary Root will be engaged in the Alaskan boundary commission.

It has been known for some time that Secretary Root intended to retire, but he did not wish to leave the department until the general staff was in a condition and other matters pertaining to the department were well under way.

Taft Will Get It.

It is understood that the matter of his successor has been discussed, and while nothing official can be obtained, it is believed the position will be tendered Governor Taft. While Secretary Root is in London he will remain in communication with the war department because of matters pertaining to the general staff and other important affairs will be referred to him. If the sittings of the Alaskan commission extend beyond the time that the secretary's resignation will be accepted and his successor appointed at that time, and if the situation in the war department becomes such that a secretary is needed to take charge of affairs one will be appointed immediately.

Wright to Succeed Taft.

The appointment of Governor Taft as secretary of war will necessitate the appointment of a new president of the Philippine commission. In all probability General Luke Wright will succeed to the presidency of the commission. His work as a member of that body has been eminently satisfactory to the administration.

Taft Denies It.

Manila, Aug. 12.—7 p. m.—The news has arrived here by cable that Secretary Root of the war department would be forced to resign, and that the president would appoint Governor Taft as secretary of war. Governor Taft, when shown the statement contained in this dispatch that he would succeed Secretary Root upon his retirement, laughingly stated that the report was untrue. Later on when a second message was received confirming an alleged offer of the appointment the governor denied the statement in similar terms.

MINISTER A THIEF

Unitarian Pastor and Author Is Arrested for Petty Larceny.

New York Sun Special Service.
Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—Specifically accused of the larceny of two umbrellas from a department store, and suspected of pilfering costly books from the establishment for many months, a man who gives his name as "Ben V. Morgan," is locked in a cell at the city hall.

If Morgan is the man he declares himself, he is well known in this country and England as an author, compiler and scholar. Among the books published by him are "Zelma, Zelmano-American Poet," "The Life and Works of Kibbey Pope," "Cantuarium and Evangelium," and "Theology and the Dawn of the Twentieth Century." One of these books was shown to the prisoner. He reached it back thru the bars of his cell.

"Yes, I wrote that and five other books," detectives assert that he confessed to the theft.

COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE

Repetition of Paris Tunnel Disaster Impossible in New York.

New York Sun Special Service.
New York, Aug. 12.—Persons with the plans, construction and prospective operation of the Rapid Transit Subway, now nearing completion in this city, declare that such a catastrophe as that which occurred in the Paris underground railway will be impossible here.

The subway here is much nearer the surface, ventilation is perfect, the tunnel is larger, exits and ventilation shafts more numerous, the cars will be proof against fire, and the use of electricity will be limited to short intervals ready for any emergency.

The subway officials have been kept busy answering nervous questions since the Paris accident and the year positive no such thing will be possible in the New York tunnel.

FORTUNE FOR ACTRESS

Nellie McHenry Finds \$50,000 Thought to Have Been Lost.

New York Sun Special Service.
New York, Aug. 12.—Mrs. John Webster, discovered securities amounting in value to about \$50,000, which had belonged to her late husband and herself, and which were supposed to have been lost. These securities were found in the vaults of two safe deposit companies and in the possession of the theatrical manager's widow.

John Webster was last seen alive in Buffalo, N. Y., a few days after the general alarm for him was sent out all over this country and Canada. From that day to this nothing definite has been heard of him, but it is generally accepted by his friends and Mrs. Webster that he lost his life at Niagara Falls, but whether he killed himself or met with an accident will never be known.

KIDNAPPED BY TRAMPS

Unfortunate Experience of Nine-Year-Old Hoosier Youth.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—A nine-year-old boy, who gives his name as Perry Galloway, and who says his father is a wealthy resident of Fort Wayne, Ind., was found by the police today in a small building in a box car while playing in front of home. He was taken to the car and kept a prisoner without food and under threats of death if he made an outcry. His captors disappeared before the boy was found and no trace of them has been secured.

The child is being cared for by the police until his father can be communicated with.

FOREIGN FLASHES

Berlin—Herr Von Levetzow, formerly president of the house of lords has passed the tribulation which now goes back to the house of commons for the consideration of the amendments added in the upper house. The amendments will undoubtedly be adopted by commons.

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected.

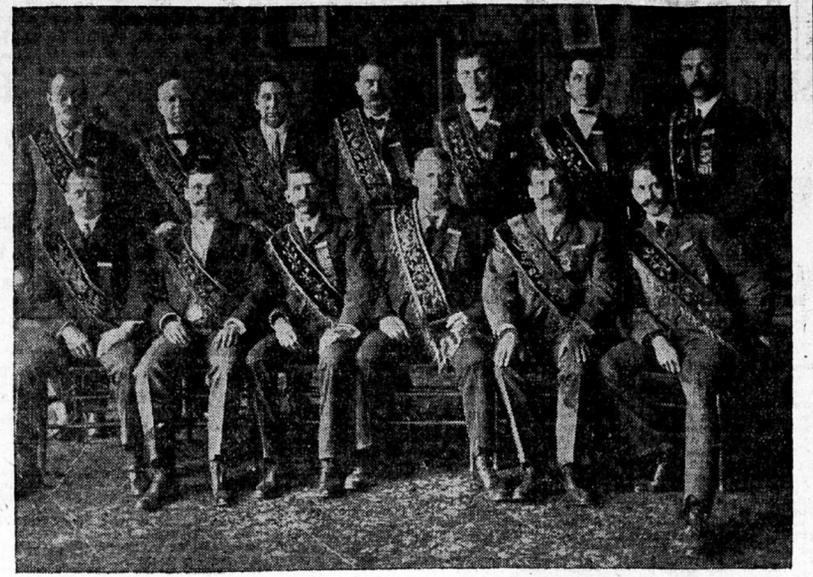
The uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker.

Dyspepsia is such a miserable disease that the tendency to it should be given early attention. This is completely overcome by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which strengthens the whole digestive system

OFFICERS OF THE GREAT COUNCIL OF IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN OF MINNESOTA NOW IN SESSION HERE.



Sitting Row, beginning at the left—Dr. R. H. Pierce, prophet; Ross Hazard, Minneapolis, former great sachem; Louis Langley, new great sachem; F. W. Lyons, Junior sagamore; Frank J. Hebl, chief of records; J. A. Torsell, wampum keeper; E. G. Meisler, Mishnawongee, A. A. Finlayson, George W. Hoffman, E. Myers, representatives; Carl Stevens, trustee; William Fuss, sannup; J. T. Arthur, guard.

HOLDS NOVEL CELEBRATION

New York Man Dines Friends on His Wedding Anniversary Tho His Wife Is Dead.

New York Sun Special Service.
New York, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Michael is dead, yet that did not deter her husband, Henry Michael, from celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the joyous marriage last night with 800 of his friends at Webster hall.

"Twenty-three years of misery we had together," said he, "and now that she is gone, I might as well be happy. If she is dead, there is no reason why I should stop it. I sent them invitations, but they have not seen fit to come. All my wife's relatives are here."

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ISLAND SUFFERS

Hurricane Practically Devastates Jamaica—Loss Will Reach Into the Millions.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 11. (Delayed in transmission).—The hurricane only the fringe of which struck the western end of Jamaica yesterday and which it was thought had passed instead of proceeding to the northwest, veered to the south this morning and struck Jamaica with its full force, inflicting damage which it will take years to repair. Owing to the interruption of telegraphic communication, it is impossible as yet to estimate the amount of the losses but they must reach millions of dollars.

Every banana plantation in the eastern half of the island has been devastated. The situation in the western half is unknown. Considerable injury was done to property in Kingston and the suburbs. The roof of the electric light works was blown off and the machinery was disabled. Railroad train service was interrupted and the street cars were stopped. Many houses were damaged by falling trees.

No loss of life is yet reported.

The Weather Bureau Report.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The weather bureau this morning issued the following: West Indian storm apparently is recurring northward toward the south coast of western Cuba. The gale will set in over southeast gulf, southern Florida and western Bahamas this afternoon and night and will reach our coast over the south Atlantic coast Thursday. It is impossible now to determine whether the storm will reach our middle and north Atlantic coasts. Due notice will be given if it shall travel toward these coasts. Vessels have been warned not to sail southward from Atlantic ports.

JENKINS MAY BE "FIXED"

He May Be Appointed to Supreme Bench of the District of Columbia.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Representative John J. Jenkins, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., stands a good chance of being appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

There is a vacancy caused by the retirement of Justice Peckham of the Wisconsin delegation. It is surmised that the appointment will be made by the president and Attorney General Knox in New York on Monday and at Oyster Bay yesterday, when both Spooner and Jenkins were present.

Judge Jenkins has been a member of the committee on District of Columbia for several years.

MOSQUITO MURDERS MAN

Insect's Sting Was Poisonous and Victim Dies as Result of the Bite.

New York Sun Special Service.
Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 12.—A new mosquito has come from Texas. It does not differ much from his brothers except in his sting. Since his arrival, however, ten men, women and children have called at the Pennsylvania hospital for treatment and one man has died. The victim was a young man, John Columbus, a hotel porter, who was bitten on the neck and died of the bite.

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