

WEATHER

Snow, followed by unsettled night; Wednesday fair; continued cold; tonight about 22 degrees.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS SHOULD CONTROL SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

President Taft Urges Congress to Concentrate Authority in Interest of Economy and Efficiency.

ALL GOVERNMENT RESERVATIONS UNDER OFFICE OF PUBLIC GROUNDS

Acquisition of Palisades of Potomac as Public Park Is Advocated—Judson Bill for Permanent Improvements Is Indorsed—Comments for Local Government.

THE concentration of authority in the administration of the affairs of the District of Columbia is the keynote of President Taft's review of conditions here in the seat of national government, contained in his annual message to Congress, made public today. Economy and efficiency would best be served by undivided responsibility, in his opinion.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia he would vest with complete authority over public schools. Upon them he would also confer the power of a public service commission.

Jurisdiction over all public parks and reservations within the District of Columbia he would give to the office of public buildings and grounds.

That the government of the District of Columbia is good, the President maintains. He compliments the efficiency and honesty of the police force, but criticizes its unimpressive appearance and bearing. The cleanliness of the city and the economic administration of the board of Commissioners is commented on. He believes Congress should keep open ears for criticisms of local affairs made by citizens who have no vote.

Maintenance of a model city at the seat of government is urged. To this end he points out improvements he considers desirable.

Abandoning the hope that Virginia would return to the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia that portion of the original ten miles square retroceded to the Old Dominion, he advocates the acquisition of land along the palisades for a government reservation.

The permanent improvement plan for the District of Columbia, as embodied in the Judson bill, has his indorsement, and Congress is urged to adopt it.

Concentration of Authority Is Advocated by President

That part of the message of the President to Congress, the District of Columbia is as follows:

The government of the District of Columbia is a good government.

The police force, while perhaps it might be given, or acquire, more military discipline in bearing and appearance, is nevertheless an efficient body of men, free from graft, and discharges its important duties in this capital of the nation effectively.

The parks and the streets of the city and the District are generally kept clean and in excellent condition.

The Commissioners of the District have their affairs well in hand, and, while not extravagant, are constantly looking to those municipal improvements that are expensive but that must be made in a modern growing city like Washington.

While all this is true, nevertheless, it is not enough. The government of the District, as it is now, is not responsible and has no direct control over the public buildings and grounds, properly subjects the government to inquiry and criticism by its citizens, manifested through the public press, and, in some cases, such criticism should command the careful attention of Congress.

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I think it would lead to economy if the improvement and care of all these parks and other public grounds above described should be transferred to the office of public buildings and grounds, and economically adapted to carrying out the public purpose in respect to improvements of this kind.

To prevent encroachments upon the park area it is recommended that the erection of any permanent structure on any lands in the District of Columbia belonging to the United States be prohibited except by specific authority of Congress.

District of Columbia in Virginia. I have already in previous communications to Congress referred to the importance of acquiring for the District of Columbia at least a part of the territory on the other side of the Potomac river, which was originally granted for the District by the state of Virginia, and then was retroceded by act of Congress in 1800.

It is very evident from conferences that I have had with the senators and representatives from Virginia that there is no hope of a reannexing by the state of the land thus given retroceded, which is not of very great value, the present law of Virginia would itself not complete enough, the legislature of Virginia would in all probability so enlarge the jurisdiction as to enable Congress to include it within the control of the government of the District of Columbia and actually make it a part of Washington. I earnestly recommend that steps be taken to carry out this plan.

Control of Public Utilities. There are a sufficient number of corporations enjoying the use of public utilities in the District of Columbia to justify and require the enactment of a law providing for their supervision and regulation.

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GREET RED CROSS

President Taft Welcomes Delegates to the Capital. INTERESTED IN ITS WORK

Larger Possibilities of Usefulness Continually Presented.

PLANS FOR LOCAL EFFORTS

Desired to Establish First Aid Stations in All Government and District Buildings.

Representatives of all sections of this country and many from foreign lands, army and naval officers and members of the diplomatic corps were present when President Taft called the afternoon session of the annual meeting of the American Red Cross to order in Continental Memorial Hall.

President Taft, who is the president of the American Red Cross, welcomed the delegates to the annual meeting in a brief address, in which he told of his interest in the work and encouraged all to continue along the lines now being followed. Mr. Taft told of his own connection with the body, and promised his continued support.

Following a luncheon in the building and a group photograph on the front steps, the delegates gathered for the second session at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Anne Laws, secretary of the Cincinnati Chapter, stirred the delegates to a high pitch of enthusiasm at the morning session.

Miss Laws Stirs Delegates. Declaring that friendship and co-operation and not competition should be the policy of all charitable and philanthropic movements and institutions toward each other, Miss Laws, secretary of the Cincinnati Chapter, stirred the delegates to a high pitch of enthusiasm at the morning session.

"Perhaps no other organization in the world," said Miss Laws, "carries with it the possibility of so fully exemplifying this policy as the Red Cross with its national centers in every country in the world. It is a unique organization, organized and voluntary relief work in time of war, for national and international relief work in time of peace, its uppermost agencies of all sorts in preventive measures tending to minimize, in great degree, the possibility of occurrence of great calamities of whatsoever nature they may be."

Work on Canal Zone. Miss Mabel Boardman read the report of Maj. C. A. Devoil on the Canal Zone Chapter. Maj. Devoil being unable to attend in person. The report told of the marked increase in interest there since the visit in February, 1909.

First Aid Education. Dr. George W. Crile, chairman of the Cleveland chapter, told of the campaign to educate a different organization in his city in "first aid" work. Ernest P. Bicknell, the national director, read a paper prepared by Sherman C. Kingsley of Chicago, on "The Duties and Opportunities of an Institutional Member of the Red Cross."

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OPENING THE "POT OF MESSAGE."

HIT BY STREET CAR; BANK EMPLOYE HURT Unable, Because of Heavy Snow, to Get to Place of Safety.

Raymond G. Eberly, twenty-six years old, employed as bookkeeper by the American National Bank, was struck by a car of the City and Suburban line while at 13th street and Rhode Island avenue northeast this morning about 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Eberly, standing directly in front of an approaching car, signalled the motorman to stop, was unable to get through the snow to a place of safety when he realized he was in danger of being injured.

NECESSARY TO LIFT CAR. Pushed along the track a short distance. It was found necessary for the crew of the car and passengers to lift the front end in order to extricate him.

Dr. John F. Keenan of Brentwood, who was a passenger on the car, rendered first aid and looked after Mr. Eberly while he was being conveyed to 15th and G streets on the car. The patient was in a semi-conscious condition. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital in the latter's ambulance.

THACHER TO MAKE FIGHT. Will Contest Election of Judge Harris to Congress.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., December 6.—Thomas C. Thacher, democratic candidate for Congress in the fourteenth Massachusetts district, has taken steps to contest the election of his republican opponent, Judge Robert O. Harris. This is the district now represented in Congress by Gov.-elect Eugene N. Foss.

CYCLISTS BEHIND RECORD. At Noon Thirteen Teams Had Made 738 Miles, Four Laps.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Despite the fact that the riders in the six-day bicycle race were urged by coaches to keep the pace they had been making since early yesterday they were eight laps behind the record at noon. At 11 o'clock they were thirteen laps ahead of the record, but the "scorers" built up a lead as follows:

Thirty-sixth hour, 738 miles four laps, with thirteen teams led; George and Fouchols, 237 miles five laps. Record for thirty-six hours, 739 miles two laps, by Cameron and Krebs last year.

Fire at Depew, N. Y. DEPEW, N. Y., December 6.—A new brick building, which was to have been occupied today by the office force of the New York Central Railroad Company, today, was burned early today. The loss is \$100,000. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Admiral Vreeland Says Farewell. CHERBOURG, France, December 6.—Rear Admiral Vreeland, commander of the second division of the United States Atlantic fleet, today exchanged farewell visits with Admiral Kiesel, maritime prefect of Cherbourg.

ROBBED OF \$19,000 Negro Steals Handbag From Woman in Street Car. ARREST QUICKLY FOLLOWS Notes, Stocks and Bonds Stolen Destroyed, the Rogue Keeping Only the Cash.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 6.—As she sat in a street car riding through the east end residential section of the city last night Miss E. A. Casey was robbed of a handbag which contained cash, stocks and bonds valued, including the cash, at over \$19,000. Shortly after discovering her loss she had the conductor summon a policeman and caused two negroes in the car to be arrested. At the police station they gave their names as Lawrence Spurlock and Walter Barrett, each aged twenty.

Early today another negro, Harry Barrett, was arrested, and at the hearing took the full responsibility of the robbery. He was held in \$1,000 bail for trial.

Investigation by the police developed that the amount in checks, stocks and bonds taken was \$19,000. These Barrett had torn into pieces and scattered in the negro quarter.

Pal Gives Him Away. None of the stolen papers was found on the negroes first arrested, and the police were at a loss for a clue until early this morning, when another negro, whose name the police will not disclose, appeared at the station and when questioned, admitted that the man who had stolen the handbag, now declared to have been Barrett, had sent him to learn what was to be done with Spurlock and Barrett.

According to this negro, the man who got the today was with the two under arrest. The bag was passed to him and he left the car, taking another car to the downtown section, where he met the "unknown."

The strange negro said it contained a large bundle of stocks and bonds, a promissory note, a check for \$100, a bank book showing deposits of \$385, and \$10 or \$15 in money.

Saved Cash Only. The stranger stated that the robber took up all the paper, including the check and the notes, and saved only the cash. He gave the negro \$1, it is said, to go to the police station and "snook around" to see what would be done to the two prisoners.

The negro gave a good description of the man who had taken the money, and Barrett's arrest followed. Barrett was paroled on a charge of embezzlement two weeks ago by Judge Josiah Cook in common pleas court.

TO ASK HUSBAND'S RELEASE. Action Will Be Taken by Wife of Convicted Councilman.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 6.—Mrs. Anna F. Klein, wife of Capt. John Klein, who is serving a sentence in the Western penitentiary for bribery while a member of common council, has served a notice on the district attorney that an application would be made to the state board of pardons at its next session asking for the release of her husband.

Klein was among the last of the councilmen convicted. It was through his testimony that the majority of councilmen were implicated in the crusade against the councilmen last spring.

FIREMAN ON BATTLESHIP GETS SIX-YEAR SENTENCE Convicted by Court-Martial of Causing Death of Water Tender.

CHERBOURG, France, December 6.—Ernest H. Walker, a fireman of the battleship Kansas, has been convicted by a court-martial of having caused the death of Patrick J. Fitzsimmons, a water tender, of the Louisiana, and sentenced to six years' imprisonment. The court found that the crime was not premeditated.

Fitzsimmons was a participant in a free fight between white and negro bluejackets from the second division of the United States Atlantic fleet November 18, and received wounds from which he died at a hospital on the following day.

The court-martial was held on board Rear Admiral Vreeland's flagship, the Louisiana, Saturday, and the verdict became known today.

RECEPTION ON WARSHIP. Rear Admiral Murdock Entertains Aboard the Minnesota.

GRAVESEND, England, December 6.—Rear Admiral Murdock and the other officers of the third division of the American Atlantic fleet gave a reception aboard the flagship Minnesota yesterday.

Several hundred residents of Gravesend and London were present. A special train from London brought an elite contingent, including Ambassador Reid and others of the American embassy, and many from the American colony. The battleship was attractively decorated.

The reception concluded the program of festivities incidental to the visit of the American Atlantic fleet to the British Isles. The officers and men expressed themselves pleased with the highly commendable and no unpleasant incident has marred the visit.

HOBBLE SKIRT DOOMED. Authority Says Spring Styles Will Show Expansion.

CHICAGO, December 6.—The hobble skirt, long coat and freakish hats and bonnets are to go, according to members of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, who are in annual session here.

"The day of the hobble skirt is near at hand," said J. P. Hovland of Chicago, who was toastmaster last night at the banquet. "It is nothing but a fad, a passing fancy and worst of all, a freak that common decency should not stand for."

"The spring style for 1911 will be an expansion of the present hobble—expanded enough to allow free and dignified use of feet and limbs. As for the jacket, it will be shorter and not so much like a man's long coat. The collar will be larger."

SNOW SHOVELERS HARD TO GET. James M. Wood, superintendent of street cleaning, came into the District building at 10 o'clock this morning, after having been out since 4 o'clock with a report that it is almost impossible to get extra dollar-and-a-half-a-day men to tackle the big snow job.

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STRAY CAT AN INGRATE. Sets Fire to House in Which She Had Found Refuge.

NEW YORK, December 6.—A stray cat who was a tenant dweller in a west side tenement took pity, as pussy was mewing outside on the fire escape last night, during the storm, played the mischievous part of a good description of the man who had taken the money, and Barrett's arrest followed. Barrett was paroled on a charge of embezzlement two weeks ago by Judge Josiah Cook in common pleas court.

All the occupants of the house were sent scurrying to the street thinly clad and the firemen had a hard fight to get the blaze under control. The cat disappeared during the excitement.

SNOW KING REGNS

Boreas Due to Arrive on Next Blast of Storm.

STREET CARS ON SCHEDULE

Telegraph and Telephone Wires Keep in Commission.

SOUTHLAND SAILS IN ICE-CLAD

Schools Close Early—Street Cleaners Hard to Get for Extra Duty. Plows Put at Work.

When the little flakes of snow began to fall yesterday morning for shortly after 6 o'clock, even the oldest inhabitant would scarcely have dared risk the prediction that when they ceased for a while this morning they would have piled up a level snow bank of 8.4 inches at the weather bureau and a snow level of eleven inches in the court yard.

Yet, that is just what they did. And if the predictions of the weather bureau today are verified the snow is going to commence again and continue falling well into the night.

Furthermore, brisk and probably high northeasterly winds are going to accompany the snowfall, sending the great mass in drifts here and there.

Rivermen who were navigating the Potomac yesterday and last night say the snow was heavy on the river.

Falling flakes the greater part of the time made a curtain about them so thick that the pilots could hardly see over the bow. Landmarks or buoys were more difficult to find than in the thickest of a fall fog.

The usual thick-weather signals were sounded from vessels and light-houses. Extra precautions had to be taken by vessel masters to keep off the shoals and reefs in the way of the sailing vessels. No accidents are reported.

The big steamer Southland, from Norfolk, made a run from Norfolk to Washington, arrived on time. She was covered with a blanket of snow from hurricane deck to guards. Thick sheets of ice formed about her bow where the lying spray had frozen.

The heavy fall of snow put up business along the river front for two or three hours yesterday morning. The early arrivals at the lumber and wood wharves found over a foot of snow banked against office doors and stables.

Forces of men had to be put to work cleaning paths so that the cars could be driven out in order to haul through the deep snow teams have to be doubled up. It will be a day or two before business returns to normal basis.

Storm Moving Northeast.

This morning the storm centers of the Virginia coast is moving northeastward, with heavy gales and the coast states, the upper Ohio valley, West Virginia and as far south as eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. In the lower Ohio valley they are having heavy rain, with some snow in the mountains in western and central Tennessee.

Although the storm seems to be widespread, both the Western Union and the Western Union Telegraph Companies report that thus far their wires have escaped trouble, and they have connections with all points.

The temperature look a tumble of seven degrees today, from 32 to 23 degrees. During the day it was about 30 degrees. Last night it fell to 25 degrees, and the bitter cold was still in the air, still farther down the scale to probably 22 degrees.

The snow plows were early put to work by the two city street railway systems to keep the tracks clear and the traffic uninterrupted. And there was reasonable success in the effort to send the plows on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company which started about 8:30 o'clock this morning. But the engineer of the company reports there was full service on all the lines, and that the snow was the greatest and where drifts were not uncommon.

Several Small Delays.

The only delay that might be called serious occurred at 14th and B streets, on the Mount Vernon line, when a snow-plow grounded. It held up the cars for twenty minutes yesterday afternoon, and several other delays caused by the falling of horses on the tracks and breakdowns of wagons. They were only brief, it is reported.

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Slippery sidewalks and the blinding snow were responsible for a number of accidents, more or less serious. Charles Michaelson, nineteen years old, a sailor on the tugboat Chocoma, slipped and fell on the sidewalk, near Pennsylvania avenue and 8th street southeast, last night and sustained a painful wound. He was given treatment at the Emergency Hospital.

The storm was an accident the morning only to Robert Hamilton, colored, of Alexandria, Va., at 11th and F streets, yesterday afternoon. Hamilton reported that he was riding an automobile operated by John Nichols of 738 15th street northwest. He sustained slight injuries and was taken to Emergency Hospital.

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For the first time the sidewalk plows were used this morning. According to the report that it is almost impossible to get extra dollar-and-a-half-a-day men to tackle the big snow job.

They are in use in the middle residential section of the city and will work in a gradually increasing area, so as to take in the entire city. One man and two horses to a plow is the equipment now being used.

The gutter plow got to work early this morning and was put into the downtown section by 11 o'clock. The plow is a cart that could be found were put to work hauling snow. When it was found

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DISTRICT'S BUDGET

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PARK ADDITIONS CALL FOR NEARLY A MILLION

Larger Salaries for District Commissioners Urged.

GROWTH ALONG ALL LINES

Hardly a Branch of District Government But Calls for Increased Expenditures—Betterments Are Advocated.

NEEDS OF DISTRICT.

Congress asked to appropriate \$12,872,985.90 for the fiscal year 1912. Appropriation for current year, \$10,527,045.00.

Increase, \$2,345,939.91. The Commissioners call for an increase of \$1,000,000 a year each. Nearly a million dollars for additional increases in salaries.

Practically every branch of District government calls for more money. Estimated revenues are sufficient to meet increased expenditures.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, introduced for the conduct of the District government during the fiscal year 1912, carries a total of \$12,872,985.90, as compared with the appropriation of \$10,527,045.90 for the current fiscal year, an increase of \$2,345,939.91. The Commissioners have been careful, however, to keep within the estimated revenues, and even the increased total does this with something to spare.

There are general increases provided for in practically every branch of the District government, which, in connection with estimates of nearly a million for the purchase of the Meridian Hill, Montrose and King Ford Valley tracts, will be added to the park system, bring the total to more than two millions greater than the current appropriation.

All the changes in the bill, including increases, decreases and new places and projects desired, to be created, are set forth in the following itemized review of the bill:

Increases for Commissioners.

Executive office: Increase of \$1,000 each to the three Commissioners; increase to assistant secretary to the Commissioners, \$100; increase to clerk from \$1,500 to \$1,700; increase of clerk from \$1,500 to \$1,300; additional messenger, \$400; increase of stenographer from \$1,200 to \$1,300; preparation of index of laws relating to the District, etc., \$1,000.

Property division: Increase of \$100 to purchasing officer; increase of \$100 to second purchasing officer; one clerk, \$75; increase of \$100 to deputy purchasing officer; increase of \$120 each to three clerks; increase of \$120 to storekeeper; increase of \$100 to inspector of stocks; increase of \$20 to chief clerk; increase of \$100 to clerk; increase of \$64 to property yardkeeper; one additional clerk, \$75.

Building inspection division—Automobile for employees, \$1,500; motor cycles for inspectors, \$300.

Plumbing inspection division—For temporary employment of additional assistant inspectors, an increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Care of District building—Increase of \$100 to electrician; additional laborer at \$1.00; increase of \$30 to assistant chief watchman.

Assessor's office—Record clerk, \$1,500; clerk, \$75; increase of \$100 to collector's office—Increase of \$300 to cashier.

Auditor's office—One clerk increased from \$75 to \$75.

Disbursing office—One clerk, increased from \$300 to \$1,000; additional clerk at \$1,000.

Additional Assistant Counsel.

Office of corporation counsel—Additional fifth assistant, \$1,500; stenographer, \$600.

Superintendent of weights and measures—Increase of \$100 to assistant engineer; increase of \$100 to assistant engineer; additional inspector, at \$1,200; increase of \$100 to fore