

GOOD ROADS SCOUTS OFF FOR THE COAST

Car Used in Munsey Historic Tour Carrying the Tourists.

"Mud Hen," the "Ohio Forty," that won its sobriquet in the last Munsey Historic Tour, was again in Washington today on its way to find a Southern path from New York to San Francisco that can be used in winter, when the Northern routes are impassable, and to spread the gospel of good roads.

It was sent out under the auspices of the American Automobile Association, and carries Ernest L. Ferguson, referee of the Munsey Historic Tour of 1910, as official observer for the association; Guy W. Finney, representing the Ohio Motor Car Company, which loaned the car for the tour; and C. B. Thacher, and F. D. Clark, drivers.

The party remained in Washington long enough to get letters from the Postmaster General and Commissioner Rudolph to officials to be met on the tour, and started South shortly before noon.

Unusually early. "Mud Hen," with a new axle required after the Munsey Tour, left City Hall, New York, Tuesday after Mayor Gaynor had hidden Godspeed to the tourists. The journey to Washington was ended yesterday afternoon. It was not a very eventful journey, Mr. Finney said this morning. As the car entered Baltimore there was a driving rain, but otherwise there was nothing very unusual about the weather.

But the tourists were not classing roads as "events." They declared Maryland roads to be about as bad as could be found anywhere, and thought it strange that they could exist in a section where they were necessarily the highways into the National Capital.

The roads could be easily improved for very little, if the spit-log drag were used, the tourists said, and they talked about it for some time because the plea for good roads is to be made an equal factor with the finding of the Southern passage. They earnestly advocated good roads wherever they passed in their long journey. In Washington they found hearty sympathy in the good roads experts of the Agricultural Department.

The letters the tourists got in Washington are interesting and valuable additions to those already in their greetings from Mayor Gaynor, of New York, Mayor Reubyn, of Philadelphia, and Mayor Mahool, of Baltimore, Mayor McCall, of San Francisco, and an endorsement from Woodrow Wilson, governor-elect of New Jersey.

Postmaster General Rudolph gave them letters which will introduce the tourists to the postmaster of every town through which they are to pass, and exhort the postmasters to help preach the doctrine of good roads. Good roads, the postmasters are reminded in the letters, are a very elementary component of that important branch of the postal service, rural free delivery.

Commissioner Rudolph gave a letter to Mayor McCarthy, of San Francisco, and since the party will probably reach San Francisco, the letter was of a felicitative tone.

The Southern Route. "Mud Hen," headed for Winchester, Va., about 11 o'clock, whence the route will be down the Shenandoah valley to Atlanta. From Atlanta the route lies through northern Alabama and Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California.

After spending Christmas in San Francisco the motorists will return across country by rail, bringing the Mud Hen for exhibition in the Madison Square Garden show.

It is after the South is reached that the tourists expect to meet the wrecking outfit—steel cables, block and tackle, and hoist—that form part of the car's equipment. In a measure, the automobilists are entering uncharted land, so far as automobile geography of the North is concerned. They expect mud and sand and unbridged streams to be seen and disastrous. They are going to cover 5,000 miles, and they have the worst of their task to finish in thirty-five days. They think they will have trouble and are prepared to meet it.

After the completion of the tour the observations and statistics will be compiled for free distribution to automobile associations and societies for the promotion of good roads. That part of the work will be done under the direction of Mr. Ferguson, referee of the Munsey Historic Tour this year, and who has been the executive officer of eight successive Gidden tours. It is expected that the tour will have beneficial results to all touring automobilists to whom will thus be opened many interesting spots now seldom traveled by motorists.

WEIKERT ALIMONY HEARING CONTINUED Answer of Young Attorney Arrested at Wife's Instance Not Ready, Court Is Told.

The hearing of Carl B. Weikert, who was put in jail last week at the instance of his wife, on a rule to show cause why he should not pay alimony pending the divorce proceedings was today continued for one week.

It was explained to the court that the young attorney's answer to his wife's allegations was not completed.

BUILDING PERMITS The following building permits were issued today:

To the Epiphany Church to repair parish house at 1212 G street northwest; architect, T. H. Brook; contractors, Pura Construction Company; estimated cost, \$2,000.

To Cardinal Gibbons to repair church at 1723 Rhode Island avenue northwest; architects, Lafarge & Morris; contractors, J. E. and A. L. Ferguson; estimated cost, \$24,000.

To J. W. Honey for one two-story frame dwelling at 701 Minnesota avenue southeast; architect, F. Jenifer; builder, T. K. Krueger; estimated cost, \$1,200.

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MRS. JUANITA BERRY, Missing Wife of Fireman Berry, Whom Police Are Unable to Find.

NO TRACE IS FOUND OF FIREMAN'S WIFE

Description of Mrs. Juanita Berry Sent to Pittsburgh Without Avail.

Efforts of police and relatives to locate Mrs. Juanita Berry, wife of Milton Berry, the fireman, who disappeared November 7, have failed.

Mrs. Berry, who is twenty-two years old, and the mother of two children, has attractive black hair and dark blue eyes.

After spending the summer with Mr. Berry's parents, at Waldorf, Charles county, Md., Mrs. Berry returned November 7, to the family home, 231 Lincoln avenue, Anacostia. Two days later she left. Berry communicated with his parents, but was informed that she had not returned to Waldorf.

On November 12 Berry's mother received a letter from her daughter-in-law, saying she was in Pittsburgh, and had obtained employment as cashier in a drug store. Berry brought the letter to the detective bureau. The police were unable to locate her.

Mrs. Berry, who is a member of No. 13 engine company, said today there had been no domestic trouble. He believes his wife is in this city.

PLENTY OF "WIVES," BUT EATS ALONE

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—Because two women, each claiming to be his wife, desired his presence at their Thanksgiving dinner, Lorraine Larson, former soldier and globe trotter, occupies a cell on a charge of bigamy. Just by way of contrast, Larson ate a solitary meal, without a "Mrs. Larson" beaming upon him from the other side of the festive board.

Mrs. Larson No. 1, who swore out the bigamy warrant, says that in 1901 Larson married her in Brooklyn, N. Y. She says that shortly afterward he deserted her.

She says she spent several years and much money searching for him, only to find him in Minneapolis with Mrs. Larson No. 2.

According to the complaint Mrs. Larson No. 2 is Miss Alma Killison, and married Larson in Minneapolis in January, 1908.

PRINCESS' JEWELS SOLD. PARIS, Nov. 25.—Part of the property of "Princess X," said to be Princess Ghika, is being sold here. The auction of jewels yesterday brought 236,265 francs. The highest price was paid for a pearl and diamond necklace, which brought 67,500 francs.

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UTILITIES MEASURE WILL BE DISCUSSED

Citizens' Associations Expected to Reach Decision Today.

Arrangements are complete for the initial meeting in the Octagon House at 5 o'clock this afternoon of the Federation of Citizens' Associations' committee appointed to draft a public utilities commission bill.

With a considerable amount of data bearing on the subject already collected it is expected the committee, after organizing, will get down to work this afternoon preparing the measure.

A decision is expected to be reached as to the number of hearings that will be held. Representatives of all interests that would be affected by the passage of the bill are to be given an opportunity to present their views before the committee.

It is considered probable that one or two hearings will be held after Congress has convened, but the members of the committee generally are in favor of getting the measure introduced through the chairman of the Senate committee on District Committee at an early date.

William McK. Clayton, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, will call the committee together. The question of whether a subsidiary committee is to be appointed, consisting of persons not members of the federation to assist in preparing the bill, will be discussed.

The fact that the Interstate Commerce Commission, in its last report to Congress, asked to be relieved of jurisdiction over local street railways, and that President Taft recently requested the Federation of Citizens' Associations to furnish him with a memorandum concerning the commission's action in this matter, has given rise to the hope that the chief executive may recommend the creation of a utilities commission in his forthcoming message.

Practically all the members of the committee have been collecting information individually, in addition to a considerable amount of data compiled by Mr. Clayton, and for this reason it is expected that the committee will commence drafting the bill this afternoon.

MURDERS HIS WIFE AND HER FRIEND

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 25.—Charged with a double murder, Frank Ricketts is in a cell here, and refuses to discuss the shooting of his wife and her chum in their rooms.

So far as is known, Ricketts, who was recently prosecuted in the police court and subsequently sued for divorce by his wife, went to the rooms of his wife with the intention of murder. When the police entered, at the sound of the shots, the place was in great confusion, as though a desperate struggle had taken place. Ricketts is said to have attempted suicide, but the last bullet in his revolver passed through his hat, inflicting no injury upon him.

PASTOR MAKES PLEA FOR THE "OLD MAN"

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—The Rev. Dr. William Z. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, is offering a prize for the words of a hymn that will extol the virtues of "Father."

He says if he can find such a hymn his church organist has promised to set it to music, and that he will have it sung in his church at regular intervals. He said:

"It is the fathers—the 'old men'—who are doing their duty faithfully and making a living for the family."

"Colonial Express" to Run Via West Philadelphia. With new time-table effective November 27, the "Colonial Express" of the Pennsylvania Railroad, through train to and from Boston, will run via West Philadelphia, and will not run into Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. It will leave Washington 9:45 a. m. week days.—Advt.

INQUEST TO PROBE SALOONMAN'S DEATH

M. F. Walsh Found Unconscious in Doorway on Seventh Street.

An inquest will be held at the morgue tomorrow over the body of Michael F. Walsh, proprietor of a saloon at Eleventh street and Potomac avenue southeast, who died early today in the Emergency Hospital.

Walsh was found unconscious in the doorway of a house in Seventh street northwest, where he had evidently fallen while on his way to the saloon last night. In his pocket was found a partly filled bottle of morphine. It is believed death was due to an unintentional overdose of the morphine, but Coroner Nevitt decided to hold an inquest.

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LIVERYMEN MEET TO PLAN BATTLE

Association Will Fight Resolution of Vehicle Owners.

In order that the resolution adopted at a meeting of vehicle owners Wednesday may not be submitted to the Commissioners before they have prepared a protest to it, Washington liverymen, who claim it discriminates against their interests, called a hurried meeting at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the office of Ernest Burgdorf, 410 Eighteenth street northwest.

That portion of the resolution providing that rubber tired vehicles should not be exempt from the new regulation requiring lights on wagons is responsible for the protest by the liverymen. Otherwise, the resolution is believed to be generally acceptable to them.

Dr. J. D. Robinson called this afternoon's meeting. Associated with him are Mr. Burgdorf, George F. Zurhorst, and others. They are members of the Liverymen's Association. W. W. Chambers, president of the association, is ill and could not take part in arranging for the meeting.

The resolution adopted at Wednesday's meeting has not yet been presented to the Commissioners, and may not be before early next week.

INSANE MOTHER PLEADS FOR CHILD

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—A young woman is under treatment here today, having been taken in charge after she had entered the office of Miss Frances Day, of the State board of children's guardians, and requested that her child be taken from her.

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