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RIVER CRAFT FALL BEHIND SCHEDULE
PRESIDENT REACHES MEMPHIS THREE HOURS LATE

Southerners Extend Great Greeting to Chief Executive—Will Arrive at Vicksburg Late This Afternoon

HELENA, Ark., Oct. 27.—President Taft's river schedule went all to pieces today because of the inability of the vessels following his flagship, the Oleander, to maintain the designated speed.
The president tried to remain with the fleet so far as possible and delayed his arrival in Memphis three hours today in order that the boat carrying the twenty-six governors and the 117 congressmen, as well as other vessels carrying delegates to the waterways convention in New Orleans, might land at the same time.
Leaving Memphis an hour and a half late this afternoon, the Oleander had to press forward at top speed in order to reach here at 8 p. m., two hours behind the scheduled time.
Leaving here nearly three hours late tonight, the president will not reach Vicksburg until 6 o'clock or later to-morrow, the governor's boat was an hour behind the president and the introductory speech was made by Mayor Martin.

His Boat Late
It has been intimated that the president should be welcomed once more to Arkansas by Governor Donaghey, but the governor's boat was an hour behind the president and the introductory speech was made by Mayor Martin.

Mr. Taft received a noisy welcome in Memphis. As his boat drew up to the levee, the place was black with people. The roofs of the tall buildings fronting the river also were crowded. The delay of the arrival caused much confusion however, and two of the president's cabinet ministers came near getting left on the return from the auditorium, the automobile plan being abandoned.
The president in an address at Memphis declared that such commercial advantages as the Mississippi river already afforded were not fully used. He also pointed out the hard work that would have to be done to start a system of canals when after the deep waterway is secured.

Still Very Hoarse
The president is still very hoarse, and it was with great effort that he spoke.
The trip down the river, according to the president, has demonstrated the inadequacy of present river traffic to compete with the railroads and is good argument for deep waterways.
"Someone will say," he added, "that the trip is merely a free junket; but those who know me understand that the time of the men who are making the trip is too valuable and they could not afford to spend it except to impress upon the people the importance of the most important issues of the time.
"Congress has the power to improve the riverways. They have spent much money, but have not entered into general planning. It is my belief that we do anything effectively and economically it must be a general plan.
"If it is proven practical, I believe it ought to be done, and done quickly. We ought to treat it like we have treated the Panama canal issue, but not in piecemeal. Let us center on a general plan and issue bonds."

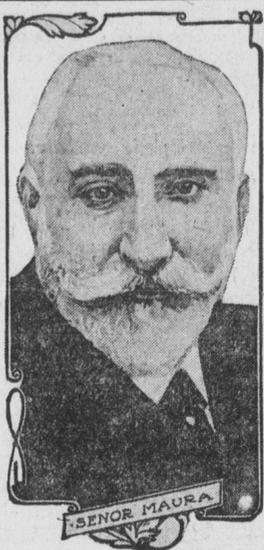
THOUSANDS GREET PRESIDENT ON THE WHARF AT MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS, Oct. 27.—Thousands of throngs called loyal and true southern greet to President Taft at the wharf here this morning. Hundreds of whistles and clanging bells all over the city took up the refrain, and no city visited by the president in his history making trip across the continent has been given a more enthusiastic reception.
President Taft and his party were delayed on the river during the night on account of the extremely low stage of the water and the numerous sandbars and did not reach Memphis until nearly 11 o'clock.
Mayor James H. Malone, in welcoming the president, said the attitude of President Taft towards the southern states presaged nothing but good for the south during the Taft administration.

When Mayor Malone turned to the question of river improvement and the "14 feet through the valley" staunch adherents of deep waterway. Although his voice is still somewhat weak and hoarse, the president consumed the time allotted to him for his address.
After he had concluded he was hurried back to the wharf, thousands cheering him and his party at every turn.
The Oleander steamed out into mid-river at 3 o'clock, and departed for Helena, Ark., where the fleet is due at 9 p. m.

The presidential salute was fired by a battery stationed on the crowning point of historic Old Jackson Mound park, said to be the spot where Hernando de Soto first stood and looked out over the Big River.
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LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF SENOR DE MAURA



KING ALFONSO of Spain lost no time in accepting the resignations of the Maura cabinet, following his quarrel with Senor Maura, the premier, over the execution of Dr. Ferrer. The bitterness which the shooting of the Barcelona agitator aroused all over the world and particularly in Spain threw the cabinet into a state of terror and alarmed the young king as nothing ever had done before. While Maura is regarded as one of the greatest men in Spain's modern history, he has been the object of attack by revolutionists, liberals and anarchists ever since he came into power. Two attempts have been made to assassinate him.

TRIPLE SLAYER WELL GUARDED

JAMES M'MAHON WILL BE KEPT IN PRISON

Self-Confessed Assassin of Two Sisters and Brother-in-Law Saved from Lynching by Action of Authorities

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 27.—James McMahon, the confessed triple murderer, was charged today in three informations filed in the city court in Kansas City, Kas., by County Prosecutor Taggart with having killed Margaret Van Royen and Rose McMahon, his sisters, and Alonzo Van Royen, his brother-in-law.
Following this action, Under Sheriff Brady started for Lansing, Kas., with the warrant for the man's arrest. McMahon will be removed temporarily from the immediate precincts of the state penitentiary, to which he was hurried last night to prevent his being lynched, and the warrant formally served upon him.
Then the prisoner will be returned to the penitentiary for safe keeping, pending his removal to Kansas City for a preliminary trial which will probably be set for late this week.
According to the prosecutor, no charge will be preferred against Patrick McMahon, whom James exonerated from all blame, or against Patrick Lamb, the hired man, whose statements to the authorities led to the arrest of the McMahons.
Both Patrick McMahon and Lamb desire to remain at the penitentiary until the excitement over the affair dies down.

PREACHER'S WIFE SUES FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

Mrs. Jennie Gay du Moulin of San Francisco Says Pastor Husband Has Not Provided for Her

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Charging desertion and failure to support her properly, Mrs. Jennie Gay du Moulin, formerly a church choir singer, brought suit for divorce here today against her husband, the Rev. Walter G. du Moulin, who was connected at different times with St. Paul's and St. John's Episcopal churches of this city.
The Rev. du Moulin is the son of the Right Rev. John Philip du Moulin, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Niagara, Ontario, Canada. A brother is dean of Trinity cathedral in Cleveland.
Since their marriage in 1902 the couple have lived in Spearfish, S. D.; Highland, Mich., and Fort Morgan, Colo. Mr. du Moulin has preached in Denver, Fort Morgan, Colo., and Blaine, Wash.

PASS DECISION MAY DIG UP OLD PROMISES HERE

Indiana Judge Decides That Hepburn Bill Does Not Invalidate Past Boards Granted Before Passage

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 27.—In the superior court Judge Austill decided that the Hepburn railroad act is a prospective, and not a retrospective, law.
The case of W. B. Boland of this city, who was granted a lifetime pass over the lines of the Big Four railroad several years ago in consideration of a gravel lease on land he owned between this city and Pendleton, came to trial here.
The railway company had revoked the pass when the Hepburn bill went into effect. Judge Austill holds that the pass is not invalidated by it.

HORSE BEATS AUTO IN CHASE OF BOY ROBBER

NO TRACE OF EARL HIGLEY IS FOUND BY POLICE

YOUTH ACCUSED OF UNIVERSITY ROBBERIES MAKES ESCAPE

Alleged Accomplices Under Arrest Say Loot Was Stored in a Place Known Only to the Leader

DESPITE the efforts of the detectives and deputy sheriffs, who have instituted a systematic search for Earl Higley, 17 years old, who eluded the police after an exciting chase on Washington street Tuesday afternoon, no trace of the lad has been found. It is thought he is still riding the horse on which he was enabled to escape by jumping over a low wall where the police, in an auto, could not follow, and probably is headed in the direction of Newhall.
Emery Raboin, 16 years old, partner of Higley, was arrested by Patrolman Shreiner, who pursued the lad pair, is a prisoner at the county jail where juvenile prisoners are kept. The detectives say he admits robbing a number of houses in daylight during the absence of the occupants, but declares he does not know where the stolen property is stored. He said Higley took care of the state, and stored it some where known only to himself.
According to a letter received by Captain Paul Flammer from the author, Portland, Ore., Higley and Raboin are wanted there to answer charges of burglary. The letter states that the lads entered a home, supporting the occupants to be absent, covered her with a revolver, bound and gagged her, and then started to ransack the place, but were frightened away without obtaining anything of value.

The police record show that Higley was paroled from the state reform school at Chehalis, leaving that institution in default of a full term of Raboin ever having served a term at that place.
Description of Higley has been spread broadcast throughout the southern part of the state, and it is probable he will be captured within several days.

The arrest of Raboin and the chase of Higley revealed two separate gangs of boy burglars working in the same district. Because of the numerous burglaries in the University district and from the manner in which the thefts were committed, the detectives decided it must be the work of amateurs or boys.

Working on this theory the officers arrested Vincent Cech, 17 years old, a boy burglar, in the same district. An investigation resulted in the finding of a shanty near Long Beach and Slauson avenues, where two trunks full of stolen property were discovered.
The detectives, while looking for the partner of Cech, learned of a second gang of boy burglars. They later believe two, and possible three additional cases, where women mysteriously disappeared will be cleared up.

It was reported today that the prisoner confessed his theory that he killed two other women, but this has not been confirmed.
Captain Coughlin said:
"Gebhardt has admitted enough to put several clues at our command, and we hope to get further admissions from him as soon as we have followed these clues up."
According to the police, Gebhardt served nine years in Sing Sing for swindling a New York woman out of \$340 on a promise of marriage.
He went to prison under the name of Schaerlein in 1896, and was released in 1905. At the time of his trial for this offense it was shown he already had a wife in New York and at least one wife in Germany.

PORTLAND POLICE WANT EARL HIGLEY ON FOUR CHARGES OF BURGLARY

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—Earl Higley, according to the police of this city, is wanted here in connection with four burglaries. The last of these for which a warrant was issued against Higley was in connection with a robbery on Portland Heights, October 15, when he, in company with another boy, supplied the burglar with a gun, and with having bound and gagged a servant girl, after securing entrance to the premises on pretense that they were relatives of the family.

The detectives are unable to explain how the pair was able to make so quick and so long a jump as from here to Los Angeles in the brief period since this robbery was committed, as they were supposed to be without funds.
The officers state Higley picked up Raboin in Seattle on a recent trip to that place. Higley's mother is a hard-working woman. He is about 18 years old.

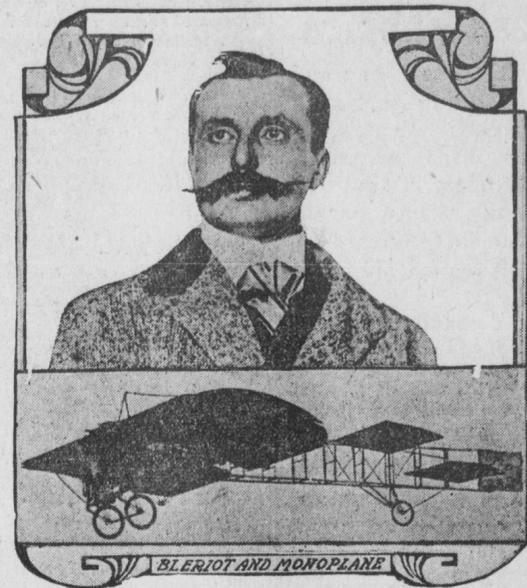
PREACHER GIVEN FIVE YEARS IN PRISON

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 27.—Rev. Frederick H. Ward, pastor of the Baptist church at Freewater, Ore., today pleaded guilty of bigamy and was sentenced to five years in the Washington state penitentiary. Ward admitted having wives in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky besides the one whom he recently married in Oregon.

OLD MAN KEPT ALIVE FOR 42 DAYS BY DIET OF PLAIN HOT WATER

WELLES, Cal., Oct. 27.—J. D. Barnwell of this town has now fasted forty-two days, and the end is not yet in sight.
Barnwell is suffering from stomach trouble and began this vigorous treatment in an effort to find relief. On the fourth day of his fast he tried to take a little soup, but could not retain it on his stomach. On the thirtieth day he took some venison juice with a little result.
When Mr. Barnwell began the fast he weighed 170 pounds. Now he weighs but 120. He does not leave his bed and sustains life by sipping hot water. He is 70 years old.

French Aeronaut and Craft Wright Calls Infringement



WILBUR WRIGHT, the aviator, has asked the United States court in New York city to restrain Ralph Saulnier, who is now in this country, from giving exhibitions with or disposing of flying machines of the type that Louis Bleriot used in flying across the English channel. Wright contends that the Bleriot machine is a clear infringement on the patents obtained by his brother and himself in the United States and France. Saulnier is Bleriot's representative and is over here to sell machines and make money out of exhibitions. The Wrights set up in their petition the well known fact that they are the originators of the aeroplane, and they make the further point that, while it is easy enough to fly in a straight line with an aeroplane of proper construction, the warping of the ends of the planes, their own invention, is necessary for curved flight.

BELIEVE SLAYER REAL BLUEBEARD

GEBHARDT MAY HAVE KILLED SEVERAL WOMEN

Two Mysterious Murders Are to Be Investigated by Detectives of New York Before Trial of Prisoner

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Frederick Gebhardt, alias Mueller, self-confessed slayer, L. I. murderer, may have a claim of the title "Bluebeard," according to a statement made tonight by Captain Coughlin of the Brooklyn detective force.
Two other mysterious murders of women will be investigated before the prisoner is put on trial, and in view of his uncertain matrimonial career, the police believe two, and possible three additional cases, where women mysteriously disappeared will be cleared up.

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CONFESSES PLAN TO MURDER HIS FAMILY

Crippled Father Determined to Slay His Wife, Children and Self as Soon as \$5 Was Gone

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Crippled, unable to find employment and with five silver dollars all that stood between his family and starvation, John Achine determined to kill himself and those dependent upon him when the last coin had been used up.
To his friend, John Mazza, an attorney of this city, he wrote, telling of his plan, and then sat down to watch the money gradually disappear for food.
Mazza, learning from Achine's wife that the condition of the family was serious, reported the matter to the police, and the crippled husband was lodged in jail today and later given into the custody of the Associated Charities of this city.

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POLICY OF BALLINGER GIVEN OUT

Secretary Issues a Public Statement

WORK OF DEPARTMENT TOLD IN DETAIL

SAYS WATER POWER SITES ARE SAFELY GUARDED

Important Announcement Made by the Cabinet Official at End of Long Tour of the Far West

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary Ballinger, who returned to Washington last night after an extensive tour in the far west, today gave out a statement which is regarded as a declaration of his policy. The statement is written in the third person and takes up the various features of the department's work, devoting particular attention to the various reclamation enterprises, and especially to water power sites on the public domain.
The secretary reiterated, "without fear of contradiction," the statement hitherto made in his behalf that since his incumbency no water power sites on the public domain theretofore withdrawn have been secured by private parties, and that he has energetically made every effort by temporary withdrawals to segregate existing power sites on the public domain, in order to enable congress to legislate for their more prudent disposition.
Secretary Ballinger states that during his trip most of the principal government reclamation projects have been visited, some of them with the senate committee on irrigation.

Conference Held

The water users and settlers upon the reclamation projects have been conferred with, as well as the government officers in the field, respecting existing projects, as well as questions which may be raised by the improvement of the service and the advancement of the interests of the settlers.
Respecting reclamation work, the secretary said, "The statement says, 'with an ambition to complete existing projects as rapidly as business prudence and money available will permit, and he is earnestly in favor of securing authority from congress for the issuance of bonds against the reclamation funds to give the service the means whereby all existing projects which are not completed and necessary extensions undertaken.'"

The secretary declined to discuss any phase of the controversy regarding conservation policies between himself and Gifford Pinchot, the government forester.

He declared himself in hearty accord with President Taft as to the undertaking of irrigation work only where probable feasibility warrants the expenditures of the funds, and "independent of local or political considerations every measure is to be adopted on the ground that it will be useful for the whole country."

Hopes for Support

The secretary expresses confidence that when his attitude is known to the public, both the people and congress will be in hearty accord with the administrative policies of the interior department.

In his report Mr. Ballinger declares he will place special emphasis upon the right use and disposition of the coal, phosphorus, oil and other mineral deposits, water power sites and other important natural resources of the public domain.

The activities of the department, the secretary declares, also will show "an aggressive and untiring effort to prevent the illegal and improper disposition of the public domain."

Mr. Ballinger describes himself as "keenly alive to the importance of the reclamation work in restraining flood waters and protecting the great basins of the west from disastrous floods."

He made a special study of the conditions of the Colorado and Rio Grande rivers, involving the appropriation and right use of the waters within American territory before their passage into Mexico.

As regards the Imperial valley in California which gets its water from the Colorado river, Mr. Ballinger believes those interested in the valley, in order to obtain a permanent water supply, ultimately will have to take their waters from the Laguna dam. He says the department stands ready to do whatever it can to facilitate the establishment of a permanent supply for the people of this valley.

Much Misunderstanding
A great misunderstanding exists regarding the department's attitude, the secretary says, adding that the government has at present no control over or connection with the private companies interested in the canals and irrigation systems supplying the Imperial valley.
The condition of some of the Indian schools inspected was described by the secretary as "a disgrace to the nation." He declared some of them were nothing but mere rat traps, foul with age and insanitary.
He is in full accord with the commissioner of Indian affairs in his attempt to overhaul the field service and secure greater efficiency and integrity.
The secretary is very emphatic in his commendation of the personnel of the engineers and subordinate water supply officials, and for their high type of construction and durability of the work on the various projects for which they are responsible, as well as for their general efficiency and integrity.
The secretary is desirous that the work shall be prosecuted with such dispatch as to enable the government to avail itself of the appropriation and beneficial use of waters in the western states, where large undertakings may be carried on, and he says are generally not within the ability of private enterprise.