

TAFT WITHDRAWS GREAT AREAS OF LAND FROM ENTRY

New Conservation Move Affects California Petroleum and Power Site Acres

FOLLOWS ROOSEVELT POLICY

Ballinger Called to Conference; Alaska Coal Ground at Last Protected

BEVERLY, Mass., July 3.—President Taft today took the first step in his own conservation policy by signing orders of withdrawal covering 8,495,721 acres of power site, phosphate and petroleum lands.

The president also appointed the engineer officers of the army who will constitute a board to pass on the reclamation projects to be completed under the recent appropriation of \$20,000,000. It is hinted that there are other announcements to come with regard to conservation policy of the administration.

WITHDRAWS ALASKA COAL

President Taft also signed orders of withdrawal today covering public lands and lands in national forests in Alaska, in which workable coal is known to occur, thus ratifying and continuing in full effect the withdrawal made by Mr. Roosevelt on November 12, 1906.

The water sites, withdrawn by President Taft cover a total of 1,415,499 acres. There phosphate lands withdrawn total 2,694,113 acres, and the petroleum lands 4,447,119 acres.

The areas involved in the power sites withdrawn are as follows: Arizona, 107,550 acres; California, 47,515; Colorado, 201,549; Idaho, 230,971; Montana, 122,515; Nevada, 14,901; New Mexico, 14,536; Oregon, 176,721; Washington, 55,439; Wyoming, 103,396; Utah, 379,912.

The phosphate land acreage withdrawals are: Florida, 27,400; Idaho, 1,102,317; Utah, 107,545; Wyoming, 1,381,851.

PETROLEUM LAND ACREAGE WITHDRAWALS

are: Arizona, 230,400; California, 2,482,750; Colorado, 87,474; Louisiana, 314,720; New Mexico, 419,901; Oregon, 74,849; Utah, 681,564; Wyoming, 255,461.

APPOINTS ENGINEERING BOARD

The board of engineers appointed by the president today to examine and report upon reclamation projects which it is proposed to complete or extend with funds provided by the act authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, is headed by Lieutenant Colonel John Riddle, who was until recently the engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, and who is now on duty at San Francisco.

In the expenditure of the \$7,000,000 the president is made the final arbiter. He must approve each project before any of the money can be expended. The act provides that "no one part of this appropriation shall be expended upon any existing project until it shall have been examined and reported upon by a board of engineer officers of the army, designated by the president of the United States, and until it shall be approved by the president as feasible and practicable and worthy of such expenditure, nor shall any portion of this appropriation be expended on any new project."

General William L. Marshall, who yesterday was appointed consulting engineer of the reclamation service, has been requested by the president to lend such aid to the board of engineers as is compatible with his new duties.

BALTIC IN COLLISION WITH TANK STEAMER

NEW YORK, July 3.—The steamer Baltic of the White Star line was in collision with the German tank steamer Standard, bound for Copenhagen, some time last week while 1800 miles east of Sandy Hook. Neither ship was seriously injured and both continued their voyages.

From the average speed of the Baltic under normal conditions it is estimated that the collision must have happened last Thursday.

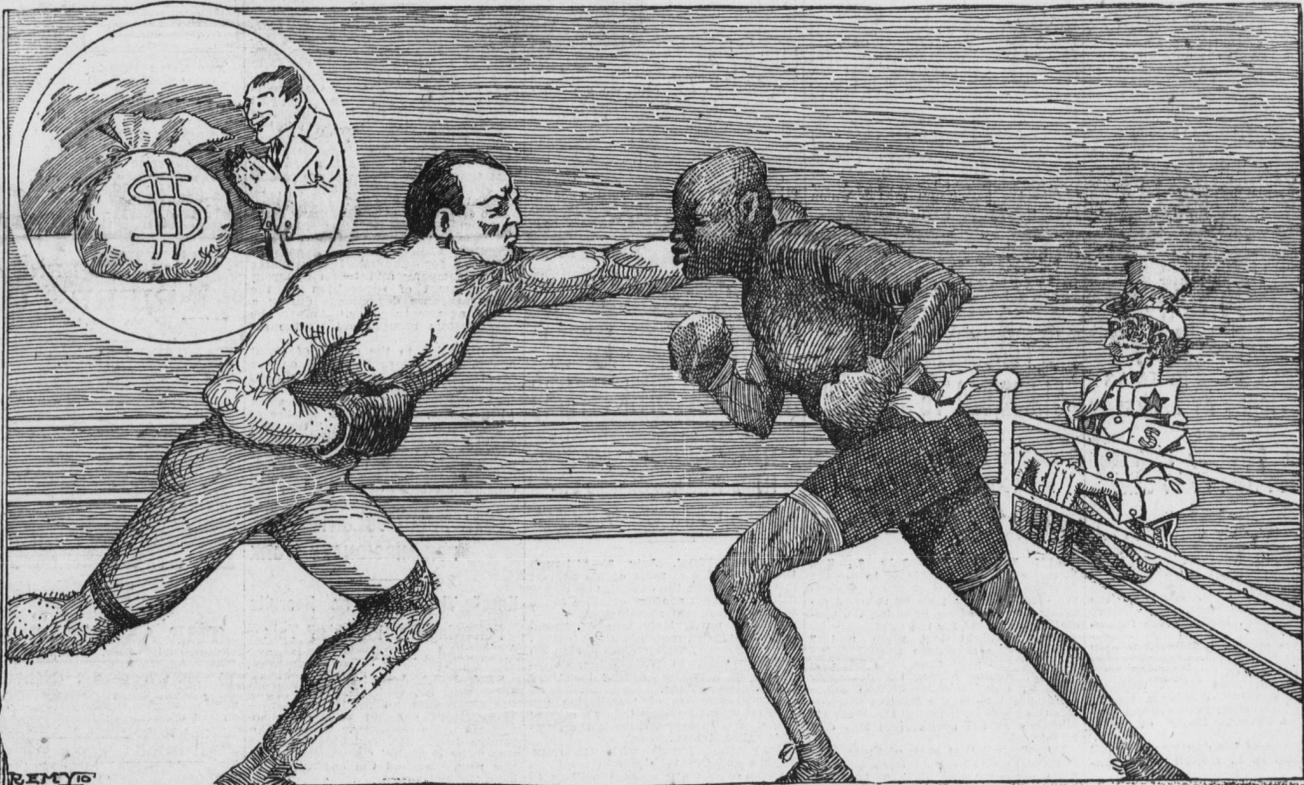
Wireless messages to the captain of the Baltic brought no reply and the Marconi operator at Coney Island said the wireless operator on board the Baltic had been instructed by the captain to give out no news of the accident.

Shortly after midnight a thick fog began to drift in from the southeast over Sandy Hook. The station there was positive that Baltic had not passed in, whatever advice might have been received by the company's president.

The Baltic was the first liner to come to the assistance of the wrecked Florida and Republic when it was later feared that the Florida might also sink, were taken on board the Baltic in a rough sea by the Baltic's small boats. It was the wireless apparatus of the Baltic, so effectively silenced tonight by orders of the captain, that first sent news to the shore of the rescue.

The Baltic sailed on her maiden trip in June, 1904. She is 725 feet long, 75 feet beam and 49 feet deep. She has seven decks, exclusive of the hold, and a cargo capacity of 3000 tons.

The Spirit of 1776 and the Spirit of 1910



GLADIATORS WAIT TAP OF THE GONG TO OPEN BATTLE

Jeffries and Johnson, Trained to the Minute, Will Battle for Supremacy Today

RENO THROWS TO THE CAMPS

Slave Mammy's Son and Preacher's Offspring Both Confident of Victory

RENO, July 3.—The day of reckoning is at hand, Jeffries or Johnson? The bear or the tiger—which wins?

A few hours more now—before the night shadows again enfold the bare hills encircling the Truckee meadows—and two worlds will be flashed around the world:

Tomorrow afternoon James J. Jeffries and John A. Johnson will meet in their long talked of fight for the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world. Flesh will thud against flesh in the open air arena built up here on the roof of the world. And the son of a slave mammy of the old south, or the son of a minister—the undefeated Jeffries—will be declared the most perfect fighting machine in the history of the prize ring.

Driven out of California, warned out of other states by reform sentiment, pressed by a thousand difficulties, the promoters of this great fight are about to realize the result of their labors. The fighters are ready to spring into the ring at the tap of the gong. The terraced arena is waiting for its multitude and the multitude is straining to get into the inclosure.

It is estimated, 10,000 visitors are crowded into this desert city tonight. From east and west the specials disgorged their loads of sporting men, many of whom have traveled from the far corners of the earth. All day big automobiles powdered with the white dust of the desert or the brown of the high Sierra grades have chugged in from the coast cities, from the California valleys, from ranch and mining camp—even from Seattle, 1009 miles away.

The last touch of the drama that will be staged tomorrow was added today by the arrival at the Johnson camp of Billy Delaney, veteran trainer of fighters, who announced that he positively would be in the black man's corner as chief second.

Delaney took Jim Jeffries in hand when he was a raw boy and made him the champion of the world. Several years ago the trainer and his protegee quarreled and they have been bitter enemies ever since. The grayhaired Delaney, who knows Jeffries perhaps as no other man knows him, has picked Johnson to win and will direct every detail of the battle which the black man will make against Jeffries.

The rumor that Charley White of New York, the alternate referee, had confided to a friend that he fully expected to be called upon at the last minute to act. This was not possible of confirmation, however, and Rickard reiterated his intention of officiating.

The effort to fill the blank in the two word message that the wires will carry out of here tomorrow—answering it in a way that will bring financial profit—is turning heads gray today. The real answer is getting so close that it hurts.

The "wise ones" of the betting brigade never were further up in the air. They are still talking about the "yellow streak" and "can't come back," but the betting sheets show a remarkable indecision. Between the partisans the great mass of fight followers is wavering. In the pool rooms it is 10 to 6 in either way and even money that Jeffries wins in twenty rounds. In the pari-mutuels the heavy play is that Jeffries will win in twenty-five rounds or over. This last day before the fight will be remembered in Reno for many a year. At the break of day the sky was gray and all during the morning black storm clouds were adrift in the hills, but as the day wore on the wind cleared the sky and the foothills were mottled with the gold of the sunlight and the blue black of the cloud shadows.

"Will it rain? Will it be cold tomorrow?" asked the strangers. And the natives answered that in all probability the arena would be so hot that the melting pitch would glue the spectators to their seats. Despite the threatening weather the roads to the fighters' camps were dotted with vehicles of every description. Buses carried scores of the humble out to the Johnson headquarters, struggling for right of way with automobiles filled with gay groups of sporting men and others bearing the stamp of wealth.

The road to the Jeffries cottage was one long procession. Outgoing parties met automobiles which had just come through the gaps in the Sierras, bearing men from the coast cities. All stopped at Moana springs until the place looked like a camp meeting.

JEFFIES AT HOME Jeffries received his friends on the lawn under the willow trees. He sat there most of the day, playing cards and chatting, no word of the coming fight on his lips, and his face as inscrutable as ever. Men were on guard at the gates to keep the unknown curious out, but every inch of room around the cottage was filled with a

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Summary of the News of the Day

FORECAST: Los Angeles and vicinity—Fair Monday; light west wind. Maximum temperature yesterday 73 degrees; minimum 58. SOUTH CALIFORNIA: High seas sweep Long Beach; damage pleasure pier, roller coaster and pike. Adam Schupp charges that Owen Parrett continues attempt to influence daughter. Santa Fe freight engine explodes near... EASTERN: President Taft withdraws 8,495,721 acres of public land from entry, including large area in California. ANITA BALDWIN STARTS WEST TO BEGIN FIGHT: Claimant of Third of Big Estate Leaves Brooklyn with Mother and Lawyer. AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH IN TRIALS AT RHEIMS: Wachter's Machine Breaks Wing and He Is Instantly Killed. HIGH SEAS SWEEP LONG BEACH PIER AND PIKE: Big Wharf and Roller Coaster Closed and Steel Tower Damaged. MINING AND OIL: American Petroleum by drilling in section 32, Coalings, will close supposed break. Consolidated Midway in fractional section 30, Maricopa, is expecting sensational production. United Development company jumps Southern Pacific grants on contention that first to oil wins, whether railroad or individual.

HIGH SEAS SWEEP LONG BEACH PIER AND PIKE

Big Wharf and Roller Coaster Closed and Steel Tower Damaged

(Special to The Herald) LONG BEACH, July 3.—Huge ground swells, more than twenty-five feet high, last night and today so badly damaged the pleasure pier that it was closed this afternoon, and tomorrow, when the Fourth of July crowd is here, one of the points of attraction will be barred to the throngs. The heavy seas also washed out piling under the roller coaster until it was deemed unsafe and the authorities directed the operators to close it for the protection of the public. A 60-foot steel tower, recently erected in the surf to be used in connection with the life-saving station, was wrecked by the waves and all of the pieces along the Pike were damaged by the high waters. The police cleared the outer end of the pier at noon when fifty of the already damaged piles were washed away. The waves had then flooded the lower deck and further damage was expected. The pier was constructed at a cost of \$100,000 and recently bonds in the amount of \$75,000 were voted by the city for the repair of the structure, but they have not been sold. The present storm has made extensive repairs necessary and the \$75,000 may not be sufficient to cover the work.

AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH IN TRIALS AT RHEIMS

Wachter's Machine Breaks Wing and He Is Instantly Killed

BETHANY PLAINS, Rheims, France, July 3.—The opening of the second aviation meeting today was marked by a fatal accident, Wachter, the aviator being killed. Wachter was the first of the contestants to appear for practice this morning. In his Chantoinette monoplane he battled long with the gale until rain compelled him to make a descent. In an afternoon flight one of the wings of the machine broke and he was instantly killed. Madrid, July 3.—A monster demonstration organized by Socialists and Republicans against the Vatican in the state affairs passed off peacefully today. Premier Moret and all leading Socialist and Republican leaders marched in the parade, which was a mile and a half long. Similar demonstrations were held throughout the provinces and all were orderly. SACRAMENTO MERCHANT DEAD SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 3.—T. E. Bell, a prominent Sacramento wholesale merchant, and formerly a member of the state board of public works, died here suddenly early this morning, aged 57.

ANITA BALDWIN STARTS WEST TO BEGIN FIGHT

Claimant of Third of Big Estate Leaves Brooklyn with Mother and Lawyer

(Special to The Herald) BOSTON, July 3.—Beatrice Anita Baldwin of Brooklyn, her mother, Lillian Ashley Turnbull, and her counsel, William T. Coakley, will leave Boston Friday for Los Angeles to begin negotiations for one-third of the estate of E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, the late California millionaire. A sum estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 is the stake. Attorney Coakley says it will be established that Elias J. Baldwin and Lillian Ashley were legally married according to the California statute; that the woman believed herself Baldwin's legal wife, not knowing he had a wife and was not divorced at the time she contracted her marriage agreement; that Beatrice was born of that marriage of Baldwin and Lillian Ashley and therefore is a legal heir to the Baldwin property. In passing upon Beatrice Baldwin's claims the court will be asked to rule upon the legitimacy of Rosella S. Baldwin, one of the heirs named in the will. Until the reading of the instrument neither of the other recognized daughters, Clara or Anita, knew of the existence of Rosella, who is the wife of an Oakland candy dealer.