

TAFT LIMPING AS HE LEAVES TRAIN AT BUTTE

INJURED FOOT BEFORE DEPARTING FROM BEVERLY AND STRENUOUS LIFE HAS CAUSED IT TO SWELL UP.

DELIVERS SERMON IN MORMON TEMPLE

PRESIDENT PREACHES ON "A SOFT ANSWER TURNETH AWAY WRATH" AND PROVES HIMSELF GOOD PULPIT TALKER.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 27.—President Taft arrived in Butte this morning, he found the city eager to welcome him. The streets were gay with bunting and there was nothing in sight to mar his reception. He was welcomed at 10:30 at the depot by a reception committee, and waiting motormen took him and his party over a line of parade, and after his speech on North Montana street, opposite the court house, he was whisked away to his train and started on the journey to Helena, where he was welcomed by thousands.

President Taft had a decided limp in his walk when he alighted from the special train here today. He sprained a tendon in his foot before leaving Beverly, but had suffered no other from it until yesterday, when after a day of constant going, with little or no rest, the foot became swollen. The hurt is not serious but is causing some discomfort.

Taft's Tabernacle Sermon. Salt Lake City, Sept. 27.—In the pulpit of the Mormon tabernacle in this city, where four years ago Theodore Roosevelt, then president, preached a sermon on right living and the duties of good citizenship, President Taft yesterday faced an audience which he said inspired him to try to follow the footsteps of his predecessor and deliver a preaching.

Mr. Taft did preach a sermon—text and all. The immense audience in the flag-draped edifice, the splendid musical program of operatic and patriotic selections, the enthusiastic cheering as President Taft appeared, and the quick response of the audience to points which he endeavored to impress on his hearers—these inspired him, the president declared, with higher thoughts of country and patriotism.

Appeals for Amity. The president's sermon was an appeal for amity between the people, for attributing the best rather than the worst motives to the action of others when possible to do so, and not to harbor hatred and animosity. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger," was the text Mr. Taft selected from the Book of Proverbs. The sermon was a homely utterance, largely made up of stories to give emphasis to the points.

From the tabernacle the president was driven to review a parade of about 20,000 school children. Thence the president proceeded to the Young Men's Christian association, where he made a brief address, and later he attended a service especially arranged for him at the Unitarian church. After this unusually busy Sunday morning, Mr. Taft left Salt Lake City at noon for Ogden.

When Senator Smoot introduced the president to the audience in the tabernacle the cheering was so great that Mr. Taft could not begin his address for several minutes.

The President's Sermon. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart," he said at last, "for this expression of welcome and good will. I am told that my distinguished predecessor, under the inspiration of an audience like this, delivered an address in the nature of a sermon upward of two hours in length. I have felt that on this Sunday morning it was necessary for me to make such effort as I could to follow him in something that may sound a bit like a sermon. As sermons are begun with the quotation of a text, having more or less relation to what follows, I am going to give you the words from Proverbs: "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

"It is a text that has forced itself on my mind during the last ten years with especial vigor, because I have come into contact with oriental peoples and with those descended from the Latin races of Europe. I have had a chance to compare their views of life, their methods of speech and their social conventions and amenities with those of the Anglo-Saxon race."

Actor Slays Wife; Suicides. Lyons, Neb., Sept. 27.—Albert Baker, the owner of the Baker Theatrical company, shot his wife and killed himself here today. Jealousy was the cause.

PEARY TO SHOW PROOFS OF HIS COOK CHARGES

WILL HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH GEN. HUBBARD AT BAR HARBOR TONIGHT—WOULDN'T ALLOW COOK RECORDS ON BOARD

Bar Harbor, Maine, Sept. 27.—Pending a conference tonight between Gen. Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic club and Commander Peary on the proofs which Peary has to support his position that Cook has not been to the pole on new phases of the Peary side of the Cook controversy are expected to develop. Peary will reach here from Portland tonight.

Portland, Me., Sept. 27.—In an interview here today Peary said he does not believe Cook left records, instruments or flags with Whitney and does not consider it conceivable that Whitney could have any valuable instruments or documents of Cook's.

New York, Sept. 27.—Commander Robert E. Peary refused absolutely to allow any of the records or instruments of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to be brought aboard the steamer Roosevelt and was thus instrumental in causing these records to remain in a cache at Etah, Greenland, according to Harry Whitney, the New Haven sportsman, in a dispatch received in this city by Dr. Cook. The message, which came as a response to one sent by Dr. Cook, is as follows:

"Strathcona, via Indian Harbor and Cape Ray, N. P., Sept. 25. "Dr. F. A. Cook, Waldorf, New York. "Started for home Roosevelt. Nothing arrived for me. Peary would allow nothing belonging to you on board. Said to leave everything in cache at Etah. Met Captain Sam, North Star. Did not go back after going schooner bound St. John's take steamer home. Hope you well. See you soon. Explain all. Good shooting. "Harry Whitney."

Dr. Cook was questioned as to his view of the situation created by the action ascribed to Commander Peary, but he declined to say anything derogatory of his rival.

Has Duplicate Records. "It may be that the instruments may arrive this year, after all," he said, "and as for the records and observations, their non-arrival here makes no difference whatever, as I have complete duplicates, so that there will be no delay in compiling my story with all its details. Dr. Cook denied the report that he was to bring suit for slander against Peary.

"There is no truth in the report," he said, "I have no intention of bringing suit. Naturally, I am taking measures to have everything in order in case of necessity, but I have never even thought of filing a suit and I wish to contradict such reports at once." If they are still at Etah Dr. Cook's instruments may not arrive in New York until the spring months of 1910. There is a possibility, however, of their reaching here this year, as another vessel may have touched at Etah after the Roosevelt left.

Peary Prepares Charges. Portland, Maine, Sept. 27.—It was learned yesterday from a source close to Commander Peary that the commander justifies his action of refusing to allow Dr. Frederick A. Cook's instruments or records on board the homeward bound steamer Roosevelt on the theory that he had been aware for some time of Cook's intentions to claim the discovery of the north pole, and that Peary therefore would sanction nothing to aid this project.

Peary's forthcoming statement concerning Cook, it was learned, will charge that the Brooklyn explorer cannot produce shoes, sledges or other equipment which will show the wear and tear that comes from travel over the arctic ice. This is the first intimation of any specific evidence that the commander will produce, although he has said from time to time that he has evidence enough to discredit Mr. Cook.

FLAGS WILL BE BOUGHT

Pringhar Man Puts \$15,000 in Trust to be Known as Thirty-third Iowa Fund.

Osgalowa, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Hon. Geo. W. Scher of Pringhar has put \$15,000 in trust here to be known as the Thirty-third Iowa flag fund. The interest is to be used in buying flags for school houses and other public buildings in Mahaska, Marion and Keokuk counties, the counties from which the regiment was recruited.

Iowa Farmer Suicides. Iowa City, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Thomas Gregory, aged 53, a retired farmer, committed suicide by poisoning himself this morning. He was found dead in a room in town. He was despondent after the death of his wife and trouble with a son and daughter over farm property left by his wife.

OTTUMWA HIT BY EARTHQUAKE DURING NIGHT

IT WASN'T MUCH OF A SHOCK HERE, BUT INDIANA AND ILLINOIS TOWNS REPORT A GOOD SHAKING UP.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 27.—An earthquake at 3:45 this morning shook Evansville. Houses rocked and cracked and pictures on the walls swayed. Many people were awakened by the shock. A rumbling noise accompanied the disturbance. The movement seemed to be from southeast to northwest.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 27.—The earthquake was felt here at 3:45 o'clock this morning. Windows and chandeliers rattled and many persons were awakened by the vibrations.

Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 27.—An earthquake shock lasting several seconds was distinctly felt here early today.

Madison, Ind., Sept. 27.—A light vibration lasting one minute was felt here at 3:55 this morning. No damage was done.

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 27.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here early today, but no damage was done. All towns as far south as andalla felt the disturbance.

Princeton, Ind., Sept. 27.—Two distinct earthquakes, each lasting ten seconds, were felt here at 3:50 this morning.

Cairo, Ill., Sept. 27.—The earthquake was felt here at 3:44 o'clock this morning. No material damage was done.

Iowa City, Sept. 27.—(Special)—An earthquake shock was felt here early this morning.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here early today.

Ottumwa felt another earthquake shock today. Like the disturbances noted here a few months ago, but as told and retold with the ordinary exaggerations such stories take on, it developed into quite a wobbler before the day was very far advanced. The disturbance was noted in all parts of the town, but most of the reports came from residents of Fourth and Fifth streets in the vicinity of Jefferson street.

All accounts from the homes disturbed check up as to time and the nature of the shock in all cases seem to be the same. An electric light hanging in a bedroom of one home swayed pendulum-like for several minutes, while beds shifted from their moorings and creaked in moving about the rooms. People generally who felt the disturbance were given an uncanny feeling and rudely awakened from their slumbers to face a sleepless repose for the balance of the morning. The shock is said to have been felt between 3:40 and 4 a. m.

At Peoria. Peoria, Sept. 27.—Residents on the bluffs and central portion of the city were awakened at 4 o'clock this morning by an earthquake which came from southeast; no damage.

At Cleveland. Cleveland, O., Sept. 27.—A light earthquake shock, the vibrations lasting one minute, was recorded early this morning.

In Kentucky. Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27.—Dispatches from Paducah, Henderson Owensboro, Hopkinsville and Mayfield report a very perceptible shock over the western section of Kentucky. There was no damage.

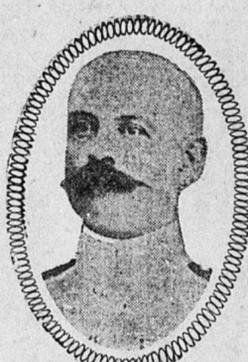
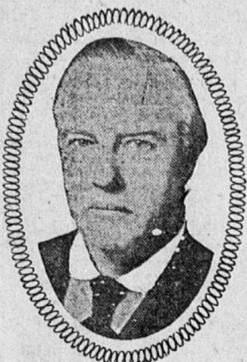
Terre Haute Wobbles. Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 27.—Several buildings cracked, pictures and bric-a-brac dropped from the walls of many homes and the city was heavily shaken by an earthquake early this morning.

Sun Spot Discovered. Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 27.—Father McGeary, professor of astronomy in Marquette university, yesterday announced the discovery on Saturday of a great sun spot, which his observation showed to be about 30,000 miles in diameter, and to which he ascribes the strange electrical disturbance Saturday afternoon which disabled telegraph systems in America and Europe.

Prof. McGeary believes this sun spot, instead of the aurora borealis, was responsible for the electrical disturbance on Saturday, and thinks that the combination of the big sun spot, the fact that Mars is closer than for many years, combined with the northern lights to disturb the electrical conditions on earth.

Prof. McGeary was formerly head of the Jesuit corps of earthquake observers in the Philippine islands.

Prominent Men in Hudson-Fulton Centenary



Left to right—Stewart L. Woodford, president of celebration commission; Herman Ritter, presiding vice-president; Col. Henry W. Sackett, secretary. Below—Lieutenant Commander W. Lam, R. D. N., who will impersonate Henry Hutton on the "Half Moon" during the celebration. E. J. Benthien, marine engineer, who was in charge of the "Half Moon."

COWNIE GROOMED TO MAKE RACE

MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF CONTROL MAY OPPOSE GOV. CARROLL.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—Criticism of John Cownie's methods of conducting the state institutions as chairman of the board of control, may drive him into the race for the Republican nomination for governor next spring. Many of Mr. Cownie's friends have urged him to resign from the board and go before the people of the state on the record he has made during the twelve years of his incumbency. Thought there have been reports to the contrary, it is asserted by persons close to the control board that he is seriously considering this course.

It is reasonably certain that Mr. Cownie will not be re-appointed as a member of the board when his time expires next April. Since the appointment of John F. Wade by Governor Carroll Saturday to succeed John T. Hamilton, the friends of Mr. Cownie say this is more evident than ever. Mr. Wade is a farmer and in his appointment they see a purpose on the part of the governor to prevent any complaint from the farmers of the state when Mr. Cownie is replaced. Mr. Cownie has already been known as the farmer member of the board and it is now generally conceded that this was one of the strongest arguments against the retirement of Mr. Cownie. But with another farmer member of the board, it is said Governor Carroll believes there can be no objection to his replacing Mr. Cownie.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—That is all rot, all rot," exclaimed Mrs. Frederick Hipsh of New York when shown a dispatch from that city telling of the alienation suit brought by her husband against Theodore P. Shonts. Then she denied that she was the woman referred to in the telegram and declared that she would not be interviewed. She told a friend here she was going to the fair in Seattle. Later, however, Mrs. Hipsh gave out the following interview:

"There is absolutely no truth in that report. There is not the slightest foundation for such a charge against Mr. Shonts or me. This is the first intimation I have had of such an action by my husband. The only explanation I can give is that my husband is resorting to this means to harass me and get my name into publicity. It is his method of cruelty to me, if it is a fact that he has started such a suit.

"I must believe it is all a mistake, as it is all news to me. I stopped in Reno for a day to see the city on my way to the northwest. I thought I would visit Goldfield, but I was told it would not be an opportune time. I have not consulted any lawyers regarding a divorce, and may not ever be in Reno again. I am visiting friends here.

"Mr. Shonts is a gentleman," she declared with fervor. "He has always treated me as a gentleman should. I am not well acquainted with him and have met him but a few times."

HIRAM C. WHEELER DIES.

Was One Time Republican Candidate For Governor of the State of Iowa.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—Hiram C. Wheeler, a well known Iowa and a candidate for governor of the state in 1891 against Horace Boies, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Byron L. Mills, 1107 Ainslie street, Chicago, Saturday. Mr. Wheeler was a large owner of Iowa land and a prominent figure in Iowa politics. He was born in Hopkinton, N. H., in 1835, and for a number of years was associated with the firm of Wheeler & King, stone quarriers of Chicago. He retired from active business about eight years ago and has been living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mills. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. The funeral took place at Libertyville.

ROBBERS GET SMALL BOOTY.

Three Men, Probably Amateurs, Operate at Russell and Adelphi.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—After an unsuccessful attempt to burglarize the Farmers' Savings bank at Russell early Sunday morning, three robbers stole a handcar and went to Adelphi, the first station north of Russell on the Wabash line north of Des Moines. There they bur-arized Fred Beatty's general store and postoffice, securing several pairs of shoes, about 500 cigars and about \$20 in money and stamps. The stamps were taken from the drawer in the section of the store used as a postoffice.

WOMAN TALKS ON SHONTS CHARGES

MRS. FREDERICK HIPSH SAYS HUSBAND'S ACCUSATIONS ARE UNFOUNDED.

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Lacking the aeroplane flights the holiday crowds still had plenty of attractions, Palisades Park stretching fourteen miles along the Hudson and the shaft erected to the memory of Hudson on Spuyten Duyvil hill in the Bronx was dedicated today.

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Both aviators may attempt flights today, but as the two aeroplanes are of different types there will be no contest between them. Their pilots will seek rather to demonstrate that they have perfect control of their machines. It will, in fact, be an exhibition of scientific accuracy in aeroplaning—soaring, gliding, and turning like the birds of the air.

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MANY INJURED BY EXPLOSION AT PITTSBURG

EMPLOYEES OF FILM COMPANY THROWN INTO PANIC AFTER SHOCK WHICH WRECKED PORTION OF THE BUILDING

FOUR KILLED IN WISCONSIN WRECK

FREIGHT HANDCAR CRASH NEAR EDGAR ON NORTHWESTERN ROAD; CHILDREN INJURED IN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FIRE.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27.—At least fifty persons were more or less seriously injured and several are believed to have met death shortly before noon today when an explosion occurred in the offices of the Columbian Film Exchange. Not an office in the eight-story structure escaped without damage. Several hundred firemen and policemen are now searching the ruins for the injured and dead. The cause of the explosion is not known at present.

According to John Miller, manager of the Columbia Film Co., there were seventy persons employed in their offices. As yet none of them have been accounted for.

Most of the injured are in a serious condition. It is not thought any person could have escaped death, so great was the force of the explosion, but a partial search of the ruins has so far failed to locate any dead.

Panic Follows Explosion.

The explosion caused a panic and the occupants of the building, numbering many hundreds, rushed wildly for the exits. They became jammed on the stairways and at the elevators and fought like demons to escape. Many were injured in this way, but the majority got out of the building. Those most seriously hurt were taken to the hospital.

Wreck in Wisconsin.

Wausau, Wis., Sept. 27.—Four persons were killed and three injured in a collision between a freight train and a hand car near Edgar on the Northwestern road. A party of nine persons was returning from a church at Pontiatowski and had reached a rocky cut on the road when the freight train crashed into them, throwing them against the rocks. The dead are: KAUL, JOSEPH, section foreman, Northwestern road and two children. LITERSKI, VICTOR.

Mrs. Kaul was badly injured. Two other men on a hand car were slightly injured.

School Children in Panic.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 27.—Six children were badly injured during a fire in St. Anthony's parochial school at Monmouth and Sixth streets today. The panic was caused by the exploding of bombs, by Italians, who were celebrating in a street near the school. None of the children were killed.

All Colfax Wires Underground.

Colfax, Sept. 27.—At the last meeting of the city council an ordinance was passed requiring all electric and telephone wires to be placed underground, and all poles and wiring must be torn down throughout the city. The council also provided for the plotting and mapping of the city by a prominent engineer for new sewerage and paving.

Father Knows Murderer.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—Peter J. Peterson, father of the murdered Peterson children, declares that he knows who killed Tommy and Lena Peterson the night of April 13, 1902, in Des Moines. He declares it was a suitor of the girl, whom she had scorned.

Bank Robbers Arrested.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—Three men, suspected of trying to rob the Farmers' Savings bank at Russell yesterday, and who later it is said, burglarized the postoffice at Adel, escaping on a hand car, were arrested at Moulton late last night.

Steps in Front of Train; Head Cut.

Seymour, Sept. 27.—(Special)—A laborer on the Milwaukee railroad, formerly employed at Jerome, came here Saturday to work on the steel gang, and accidentally stepped in front of passenger train No. 3. He was seriously injured, receiving a severe cut on the head by the steam shovel. The doctors say the man will recover.

Cannon Coming into Iowa.

Knoxville, Sept. 27.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the national house will make an address at the Knoxville home coming celebration the week of Oct. 4-9.

He will speak on Tuesday Oct. 5.